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TEENAGER LEADS DWN REVIVA

Report by David Cosgrove

A TEENAGER is hoping to breathe life back into his community by getting one of its high street's biggest buildings back up and running.

Morgan Siviter, aged 14, has lobbied local councillors and has arranged a meeting with his MP to try to fill the former Kwik Save store in High Street, Cradley Heath.

Morgan, who suffers from Asperger's and au-Morgan, who suffers from Asperger's and autism, wants to open a community centre where people on the autistic spectrum can go to share their stories and get information. His efforts have won backing in the community.

Morgan said: "We've been asking and asking to get this site open and it's been turned down.
"But now we're getting somewhere, I've managed to contact four councillors - which

managed to contact four councillors – which I'm chuffed about – and I've got an appointment with the MP.

"It's one of the biggest shops on the high street and it's a shame to see it shut.

"The people of Cradley Heath won't be silent until it's open again. It's dragging the high street down.

street down.

"When the store was open it brought loads of people to the town – it's such a shame."

Difference

Morgan said he wanted to make a difference to his local area. He added: "A lot of teenagers go to school, come home and then go straight on their Xbox – they don't do things for their community. But I'm a person who won't back down."

Ward Councillor Julie Webb said: "That shop

has been lying vacant for a number of years. He's hoping to set up a co-op that people who are on the autistic spectrum can go to and get information.

information.

"Everyone I've spoken to has said we need to encourage him in what he is doing."

Meanwhile, campaigners were last night (Wednesday) holding a public meeting to discuss a fresh bid to build a store on a pub car park in Cradley Heath.

Sandwell Council has already thrown out one scheme nut forward by New River Retail for the

scheme put forward by New River Retail for the Haden Cross site on Halesowen Road. The pub

Haden Cross site on Halesowen Road. The pub was also granted Asset of Community Value status earlier this year.

But now New River Retail has revised the plans for a Co-op store and submitted a fresh planning application, after saying they have addressed issues raised by councillors.

The Friends of Haden Cross group have vowed to continue to fight the development plans. Tim Haskey, of the group, said: "We expected this re-application would be inevitable. We refuse for this to be at the detriment of local community's wishes."

COFFEE BUSINESS HAS ADDED SUGAR FOR SUCCESS



Owner and former Young Apprentice competitor Ben Fowler at Benno's Coffee shop in Halesowen after its vintage revamp

FORMER Young Apprentice candidate Ben Fowler has given his popular Halesowen cafe a £6,000 'shabby chic' makeover. Benno's cafe in Halesowen Road has been transformed inside to look similar to his other

transformed inside to look similar to his other coffee shop that opened in Hayley Green ear-lier in the year. Inside and outside the unit has been trans-formed with new floors, furniture, counters, coffee machines and a fresh decor and sig-

nage. Mr Fowler, 20, who opened the Halesowen shop in 2013, said the new look was already

receiving great feedback from customers. He said: "When we re-opened following the revamp it was extremely busy.
"Everyone wanted to come in and have a look at what we've done and so far everyone

look at what we've done and so far everyone really loves it.

"We decided to go for the shabby chic style to fit in with our other shop. Everything has been re-done and we have a vintage feel as we've gone a bit retro.

"We also had a new wall put in to separate the kitchen. It looks great."

Benno's currently employs three staff.

Mr Fowler was the second contestant to be kicked off the Young Apprentice 2011 by entrepreneur Alan Sugar, at the tender age of 16. However, he says he had learned valuable lessons from his time on the show and still

lessons from his time on the show and still receives support and advice from Lord Sugar. He added: "I still speak to Lord Sugar and he often drops me an encouraging email, he is always willing to help. We tweet each other too and he's really supportive.
"Lord Sugar is really impressed with how well I've done. We aim to expand and open another cafe before the end of the year."

TRAFFIC

Council to bring in more parking bans

DRIVERS will be banned from parking along nearly 20 roads across Dudley under hard-hitting plans revealed today.
Council bosses are working on proposals for double yellow lines to be introduced on 18 routes across Dudley, Stourbridge, Halesowen, Brierley Hill and Netherton.
Others will also be made one-way or see waiting restrictions imposed in a bid to

see waiting restrictions imposed in a bid to improve traffic flow and stop some drivers leaving cars in residential street to avoid parking charges.

Consultation will run until October 1 with a decision on each scheme soon after.

EDUCATION

Government fund new teaching roles

MORE than 50 new teaching posts will be created by Dudley Council to help continue providing a range of adult

learning courses.

The council's Adult and Community Learning Team runs dozens of courses at community venues across the bor-

at community vol.

To meet the growing demand for the courses, the authority wants to create 55 part-time tutor posts to replace the casual tutor pool. It will be funded by a £1.2 million Government grant.

PUPILS

Extra 200 places at primary school

MORE than 200 extra places will be created under plans to expand a Halesower Dudley Council says there is an increas-

Dudley Council says there is an increas-ing demand for more pupil places at New-field Park Primary School.

A consultation has been launched by Dudley Council to get the views of parents and staff during this month.

The proposal would see the school go

from a two to a three form entry.

If agreed the changes would see an additional 210 places available at the school and also the flexibility to include nursery provision at a later date.

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Visitors flocking to museum and zoo



visitor numbers this summer — despite downpours hitting the school holida

downpours hitting the school holidays.
Bosses said they were delighted families chose to visit the open air attractions in their droves over the summer.
New exhibits, themed events and special offers are among the reasons they say have helped swell numbers coming through the gates, despite the dodgy summer weather.

summer weather.
At the Black Country Living Museum, visitor numbers jumped by eight per cent during the six week holidays.

Spokeswoman Laura Wakelin said: The summer holidays are a key period for the museum and we're very pleased with eight per cent year-on-year rise in visitors.

"Some of the reasons for this boost include our new UnChained Annual Pass, which allows for unlimited returns within a 12 month period, but also an attractive offering in terms of activities.

'This year we've focussed on the history of cinema and that's been a real hit with visitors.

It has also been good at Dudley Zoo where figures were up by 1,500 this Au-

year.
This August 55,775 people went through the gates at the Castle Hill attraction compared to 54,259 who visited the 40-acre site in 2014.

Its busiest day was August 8 when almost 3,000 visited. Even on rainy Bank Holiday Monday almost 700 people braved the drizzle.

Zoo director Derek Grove said: "We no longer attract visitors solely from the Midlands but across the country and overseas, so the future's looking bright."

820 fly-tippers but only five prosecuted

Dudley with thousands of incidents being reported but just a handful of people prosecuted.

Councils are spending tens of thou-sands of pounds clearing up rubbish and pursuing the culprits through the

In Dudley, there were 820 reports in 2014/15 – up 12 per cent from 782 three years before. And the cost has risen from \$35,339 in 2012/13 to £45,366 in 2014/15.

\$23,339 in 2012/13 to \$40,306 in 2014/15. But Dudley Council prosecuted just five people last year, compared to nine the previous year and 12 in 2012/13.

The number of reports has risen by 38 over the last year but is the lowest in the Black Country – and 3,600 lower than Wolzerbamytes. verhampton. Sandwell Council did not make a pros-

ecution in the last three years but there were more than 10,000 reports and bosses spent nearly £598,000 tackling the prob-

Dudley chiefs admit more needs to be done to stop fly-tipping incidents increas-

Tougher

Dudley North MP Ian Austin has called

Dudley North MP Ian Austin has called for tougher penalties.
He said: "We need to stop the people that keep doing this to our local area."
The Dudley area has been blighted by fly-tippers in recent months, with mounds fly-tippers in recent months, with mounds of waste being dumped on roads and car parks. Last week tyres, mattresses, sofas and fridges were dumped in Jackson Street, Lye, and had to be cleared by a community group. Lye councillor Mohammed Hanif said: "I don't know why people do it, we have a council tip. I don't know what drives people to go and do that." Councillor Hilary Bills, cabinet member for environmental services, said: "We work hard to catch and prosecute those people who blight our borough with fly-tipping." More than 50 containers of waste have been left near clothes recycling bins in the

More than 50 containers of waste have been left near clothes recycling bins in the car park of the Co-op in High Holborn. And mounds of black bags 10ft high are also being left in Edge Street, Coseley.

And farmer Chris Inett who dumped more than 150 tyres and blocked Bennett's Lane in Trescott, was ordered to pay almost £3,000 in fines and court costs in June.

Gas pipe work led to huge tailbacks



It's an open road on one side of the Birmingham New Road, and total gridlock on the other

DRIVERS faced massive delays after getting caught up in nightmare traffic on a key route in the Black Country.

National Grid engineers carried out 'essential' works as motorists were warned to stay away from Burnt Tree Island and Birchley Island.

The A4123 New Birmingham Road and Wolverhampton Road were clogged up from just before 7am until the works were completed around 2.30pm on Tuesday.

At one stage the tailbacks from Birchley to Burnt Tree were 'two hours', according to Sandwell Council.

The authority posted a warning on its Twitter account, writing: "We're hearing about two-hour de-lays on the northbound A4123 due to roadworks at Burnt Tree island in Dudley. Avoid area if possible."

The slip road from Burnt Tree sland onto the A461 was closed

One motorist, Paul Wynn, de-

scribed the situation as a 'traffic scribed the situation as a trainic nightmare' on the social network, while Michelle Dalton wrote: "I will never ever take the A4123 again."

But National Grid said they had completed the work ahead of sched-

Spokeswoman Jeanette Un-sworth said: "We were carrying out essential work to replace a valve on a gas pipe. We initially expected to have the slip road closed for up to five days but fortunately managed to complete all the work required. "

Haden Hall hosts series of heritage day events

VISITORS can enjoy a concert in the grounds of a Black Country manor house marking the culmination of a heritage event. Haden Hill House and Park, in Cra-

Haden Hill House and Park, in Cra-dley Heath, is giving visitors a rare glimpse behind the scenes from today to Sunday, September 10 to 13. The free events are being held as part of the national Heritage Open Days se-ries featuring a prom in the park for the finale.

finale.

Visitors will get a rare chance to see inside Haden Hall on Saturday and Sunday between 2pm and 5.30pm. It is the restored 17th century farmhouse semi-detached to Haden Hill House which is only open several times a year.

Library

Volunteers have spent time painting parts of the house in historically accurate colours for visitors to see.

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Families and guests can also go behind
the red rope and get a chance to step inside the Victorian library at Haden Hill
House with curator and artist Jo Loki.

They can look at the collection store in
the title factorist decounted and the

the attic featuring documents and photos on today and tomorrow from 11am to 3pm.

Events culminate with the concert on

Sunday between 2pm and 6pm. That event will include live music with the Martinique Jazz group, crooner Ian Casey and Halesowen Brass Band.

Visit www.sandwell.gov.uk/muse umevents or call 01384 569 444 for de-

Battle of Britain march and service

A BATTLE of Britain parade and service is being held in Stourbridge next weekend

On Sunday, September 20, members of the Stourbridge branch of the Royal Air Forces Association with the cadets of No 451 Squadron Air Training Corps (ATC) will parade in Mary Stevens Park, Stourbridge.

The annual Battle of Britain Parade Service which this year commemorates the 75th anniversary of the battle.

The parade will gather at 10.30am and the parade will start at 11am.

Members of the public are invited to attend, particularly any who were involved with the battle's aircrew or ground support and those who served at some time with the Royal Air Force.

Second blaze hits the same street

FIRE ripped through a house on the same road as a serious blaze at a deresame road as a serious blaze at a dere-lict property less than 24 hours earlier. Two crews from Dudley, one from Brier-ley Hill plus a hydraulic platform from Oldbury tackled the fire in Stourbridge Road, Dudley, on Tuesday afternoon.



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Awards for bravery of officers in knife horror

TWO police officers who fought to save a crazed knifeman after he slashed his own throat following a

double stabbing have been awarded top national bravery honours. Inspector Steve Gordon and Sergeant Jon Andrews, both from Dudley, are to receive Royal Human-Society testimonials after the included the Debit's Clica Stew dent in Robin's Close, Stourbridge,

last year.

They were called to the house after reports of a disturbance and were confronted with 'a bloodbath' with two women having been stabbed.

The officers were told the attacker was still inside the house with a baby

was still inside the house with a baby and when they went in Insp Gordon and Sgt Andrews were confronted by John Loveridge, who was armed with a large knife.

He then slashed his throat from ear to ear before they convinced him to drop the knife and then battled to stop him bleeding to death.

The two officers also won the personal praise of Dick Wilkinson, secretary of the Royal Humane Society. Mr Wilkinson said: "This incident turned into a bloodbath after the man slashed his own throat down to his windpipe. his own throat down to his windpipe

his own throat down to his windpipe.
"In addition to trying to stem the bleeding the two officers also had to fight to restrain the man who was bleeding heavily and seemed to be intent on his own death. Paramedics who attended the scene were in no doubt that they saved the man's life."

Insp Gordon added: "I am just thankful that the victims and the attacker all made a full recovery."

Witness appeal after train brawl

AN APPEAL for witnesses to a fight involving 10 people on-board a train at Stourbridge Junction station has been made.

Violence broke out as the train travelling between Kidderminster and Birmingham, arrived at the sta-tion and spilled out onto the platform.

tion and spilled out onto the platform. British Transport Police want witnesses to the brawl which happened at around 9.30pm on August 8. They are examining CCTV from the station and the train. Pc Tom Kelly said: "British Transport Police will not tolerate aggressive or anti-social behaviour on trains or at stations. We will always do everything in our power to investigate upsetting incidents like this."

Context, 9800, 4450, 440, en. to.

Contact 0800 4050 40, or text 61016.

Volunteer awards date for venue

DUDLEY Council for Voluntary Service is holding its annual meeting and

awards in October.

The AGM and Dudley Volunteer
Awards will be on October 15 from
7pm in Brierley Hill Civic Hall.

Park supporters block traveller invasion



One caravan got stuck trying to get in

property at a Sandwell beauty spot sparked a stand-off as a large group of people gathered to physically stop them getting on to the site. Residents raised the alarm after

Residents raised the airm are five caravans were seen entering a meadow at Warley Woods. Bollards were torn out by the travellers in an attempt to access the park.

But before any more caravans

could force their way in, a group com-prised of Warley Woods Community Trust staff, volunteers and residents blocked their path.

ensued with one caravan attempting to enter the meadow over a bank, only to get stuck halfway. This took place even after police attended to ensure there was no public disturbance.

Members of the community said they had 'made it clear to all con-cerned' they would not allow any more caravans to get on to the site. Sandwell Council's highways emer-gency staff also attended the scene

and placed concrete blocks to protect the perimeter of the park.

Negotiations between the two

evening when the travellers finally agreed to leave the site. The caravans were escorted off the site by members of the trust.

Visitors who had gone to the spot

visitors win had gone to the spot to walk their dogs found their cars blockaded in by caravans during the stand-off. Councillor Steve Eling, chairman of the trust board, said it had been a 'very difficult' situation. As the woods do not belong to

Sandwell Council, the authority would have had no powers to evict the travellers.

Housing brings in funding for sports

TWO sports clubs in Hagley are set to receive a share of £87,000 funding from the building of new homes in the

Hagley Tennis Club is in line to receive £15,000 while Hagley Cricket Club is to get £10,000 to improve facilities.

Bromsgrove District Council's New Homes Bonus Panel has recom-mended the clubs receive the cash and approval next month. Government pay a New Homes Bonus to councils for every home built in their area.

Songsters stage autumn concert

A POPULAR choir will be staging its traditional autumn concert in Dudley. The Gentleman Songsters Male Voice Choir will stage the event at Dudley Town Hall on Saturday, September 19. Compere for the evening will be Susie Riddell, who plays Tracey Horrobin from BBC Radio 4's The Archers It will also feature a guest

Archers. It will also feature a guest spot from South Wales group Morris-ton Orpheus Male Voice Choir. Tickets are £15. For more infor-mation, or to book, see www.dudley. gov.uk/see-and-do/entertainment-live/ whats-on

Variety show is a boost for charity

A VARIETY show has raised more than £400 for the Mayor of Dudley's chosen charities.

Singers and comedians took to the Singers and comedians took to the stage at Parkes Hall Social Club for the event hosted by Councillor Steve Waltho. The cash generated by the showcase will be split between More Mascots Please, The Hope Centre, The What Centre, West Midlands branch of Lupus UK and the Leu-kaemia Unit Appeal at Russells Hall Hosnital.

Community choir call for more new voices

SINGERS are needed to swell the ranks of a community choir.
Viva Musica will hold an open evening for people interested in taking to the stage. It will take place at Ham Dingle Primary School, in Pedmore, on Tuesday from 7.30pm.
The choir performs regularly and in ext concert is Viva Musica's Last Night of the Proms at Dudley Town Hall on October 17. For details about the choir visit the website www vi the choir visit the website www.v va-Musica.co.uk or its Facebook page

Yobs throwing stones

YOBS throwing stones at passing cars are being tackled by police in King swinford.

Residents have complained about the youths gathering in Beech Road.

Officers have been patrolling the area and have moved acted against groups suspected of causing trouble.

Grandfather was killed y a swarm of wasps

died after being stung hundreds of times on the face when he disturbed a wasps' nest while on holiday in Wales, an inquest heard.

Clive Southall's family could 'hardly see his face' because there were so many wasps swarming around him as he rushed back to his caravan in Llanfair Caerein-

ion, Welshpool.

The 83-year-old from Rodway Close had been clearing woods alongside Baxter Mill Caravan

After the wasps attacked him, he rushed to the shower to try to wash them off but collapsed shortly after and had to be airlifted to hospital. His family described his death as a 'tragic accident', an inquest in Telford heard yesterday.

Mr Southall, a retired service engineer, died

at Royal Shrewsbury Hospital on August 11.
His inquest was completed in just 10 minutes at Telford Register Office at a 'fast track' hearing after his family requested it should go ahead in their absence.

The statements from his family were instead

The statements from his family were instead read out by Julie Hartridge, officer for coroner Mr John Ellery.

She said: "According to evidence from his son, at around 11am on August 11, Mr Southall was clearing woods alongside Baxter Mill Caravan Park, where he has a holiday home. Also present was his 11-year-old granddaughter.

Slipped

"At some point during this work it seems he slipped and disturbed a wasps' nest.
"The wasps quickly swarmed upon him and he returned to his caravan to put his head under the shower in a bid to get rid of the

"His daughter, who was in the caravan, com-mented that she could hardly see her father's face because there were so many wasps on him

"He came out of the bathroom and said that he had been stung a lot of times. Shortly after he suddenly collapsed."
The inquest heard Mr Southall was airlifted to Royal Shrewsbury Hospital but died later

that day.

A post-mortem revealed death caused by an

aphylactic shock.

A verdict of accidental death was recorded



Two injured as car smashes wall

The scene of the accident which left a car on its side in Oldbury

FOUR people including a child scrambled from the wreckage of a scrambled from the wreckage of a car that hit a wall and landed on

its side.

Bricks were scattered across the driveway and road outside the house in Oldbury in the aftermath of the crash.

Emergency services attended the accident in Reservoir Road at around 11.30am on Tuesday. West Midlands Fire Service said

the crash involved two vehicles

A woman in her 30s and the young how were taken to City Hosyoung boy were taken to City Hos-pital in Birmingham, for a precau-tionary check-up.

The other two passengers did

The other two passengers du not require hospital treatment. No other injuries were reported. West Midlands Fire Service spokesman Matthew Smith said: "Two cars were in collision in the roadway. One vehicle had been in contact with a garden wall and came to rest on its side.

Picture from @Oldburyfire

'Three adults and a child were

released prior to our arrival.

"Police also attended the scene and we worked to make the scene see or ""."

safe."

One eyewitness, who did not want to be named, said: "It was quite a big smash. It has totally damaged the wall of the house and written off the car by the looks of "."

"Thank God no one was on the



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THE BEST OF

THIS country gets more like the United States every day. Americans spend much time and energy agonising over what the Founding Fathers meant when they drafted the Constitution back in 1787. Now, we EU states are trying to remember what the Common Market rules of the 1950s really meant when they referred to the "free movement of persons, services, goods and capital." Are the persons just persons? Are they persons looking for work? Or as Home Secretary Theresa May insists this week, should free movement be restricted to persons with definite jobs to go to? I suspect May is on to a loser, and knows it. Anyone who remembers the days of grim-THIS country gets more like the United States every and knows it. Anyone who remembers the days of grim-faced immigration officers stamping English passports in French trains knows that the freedom of EU citizens to travel freely within the EU is the best thing about it. It worked perfectly well when the European Econom-ic Community was a small cluster of affluent nations. Today's blame lies with the idiots who are turning it into a massive superstate from the Atlantic to the Urals. a massive superstate



HORIZON (BBC4) looked at what the boffins call synthetic biology and critics call playing God. When we start tinker-ing with DNA and swapping molecules between species, you have to believe there are sufficient saferulards to preven sufficient safeguards to prevent

suincent sateguards to prevent global disaster. That belief is not made any easier by the late, great Terry Pratchett's timely warning that some humans, given the chance, would do literally anything. He said: "If you put a large switch in some cave somewhere, with a sign on it saying 'End Of The World Switch – Do Not Touch,' the paint wouldn't even have time to dry."

WHY is it that so many migrants heading across Europe from North Africa are young men of military age? I don't believe this is some evil Islamist super-plot to flood our continent with jihadi terrorists. What I am suggesting our continent with jinable terrorists. What I am Suggestion is that when young men flee from a war zone, there's a good chance they have been involved, willingly or not, the war. It might be wise to establish exactly what they have been doing for the past couple of years. If that is wickedly cynical then I am a wicked cynic.

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

More shops opening across the borough

fallen drastically, while neighbouring Wolverhampton continues to be plagued by vacant premises.

Across Dudley borough the vacancy rate has dropped from one in three units in 2011 to less than one in five. But Wolverhampton remains in the top 20 worst performing town and city centres in the country in terms of filling shop units, according to new re-search from the Local Data

Report by Rob Cox

regeneration within Dudley

town centre were revealed after 18 months of talks. The Porters Field project will see restaurants, shops and houses built alongside a

supermarket and bring 500 jobs to the town. It is the latest regeneration scheme aimed to breath new life

12 years was completed in December. Previously only

buses and taxis had been able to use the route.

Ninder Johal, president of the Black Country Chamber of Commerce, said businesses need to move with the times. He added:

"Consumer behaviour has changed drastically over the years. However, business people are starting to see that they can still offer

something different to on-line shopping sites and they need to really run with

into the town centre. A £650,000 project to open up King Street to all traffic for the first time in

Company. Councillor Kurshid Councillor Kurshid Ahmed, cabinet member for regeneration at Dudley Council, said "It is fantastic news and I am really glad that the improvement has been recognised. Getting more shop units in use helps the town in so many ways. It makes it more vibrant for shoppers, increases con-fidence for businesses and helps the council build trust with both.

with both.

"We have put a lot of money and a lot of time into improving our town centre and ensuring that people and businesses still see it as a thriving place and I am glad to see that is paying off.

"The difference is noticeable, I see it myself every time I go out into town.

"Dudley is open for business and as a council, we

ness and as a council, we will continue to work with

will continue to work with businesses and the public to ensure that continues." Earlier this year a £6.7 million revamp of Dudley Market was completed and plans for a further £50m

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Crews rescue horse from canal



Firefighters working to free the horse from the canal

by firefighters after getting stuck in a disused canal.

Billy the horse had been stranded in the water off Bannister Road in Wednes-bury for up to three days week

A team of firefighters kept

A team of firefighters kept him calm, feeding him carrots and bread while they attempted to pull him free. They used specialist equipment including a large animal strap and an ice path to get near the animal before pulling him free from the muddy bog and reeds. There was applause from onlookers when the horse was able to get to its feet.

was able to get to its feet.
Tipton Fire Station
watch commander, Simon
Wheatley, said: "When we
got there Billy was trapped
in a heavily weeded area of
the canal and it was obvious

the canal and it was obvious he was quite exhausted and agitated. Residents believed that he had been there for two to three days.

"We pulled Billy out on with a specialist large animal strap and with the weight of plenty of firefighters behind him. He was a bit shaky on his feet but the RSPCA said that although he was exhausted he would hopefully make a full recovery."

Teenage yob kicked in door to steal TV

A TEENAGER kicked in the front door of a single mother's flat and stole her TV while on bail for rob-bing two 12-year-old boys at knifepoint.

The 16-year-old together with Daniel Nash, 18, broke into the flat at Addenbrooke Court in Old Hill, leaving the front door 'hanging off its hinges'.

It came just a month after the 16-year-old with a 17-year-old robbed young-sters in Oldbury.

The 16-year-old bran-dished a knife while his co-accused had a knuckle duster in his pocket as they snatched bikes from the boys on March 3.

A resident alerted police, who arrested the robbers and recovered the bicycles, said Mr Geoffrey Dann, prosecuting at Wolverhamp-ton Crown Court.

Admitted

The 16-year-old, who had The 1b-year-old, who had previous convictions for burglary and possession of cocaine, admitted robbery and burglary and was given an 18-month youth intervention order.

Nash, of Oldbury Road, Rowley Regis, admitted burglary and received six months detention in a Young Offenders Institution suspended for 12 months.

The 17-year-old admitted robbery and was given a 12-month referral order.

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ers to hail a cab via a smartphone app, is coming to Dudley.

The firm has submitted plans to operate a base from offices at The
Waterfront in Brierley Hill and expects to have the service up and run-

Waterfront in Britary and in ing later this year.

The operation – which has sparked protests from traditional cabbies elsewhere – sees customers download an app, which allows them to order a car discretly from the nearest driver. They drectly from the nearest driver. They then get details of the estimated waiting time and cost.

There are no telephone calls to book a private cab as everything is done through the app in less than a few minutes. GPS is used to put passenments to take in the doct details.

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gers in touch with the closest drivers to the pick-up location.

Uber operates in Birmingham but this would be the company's first service in the Black Country.

General manager for the Midlands Fouzan Ali confirmed the plans to start operating in Dudley in the future but said it was too early to say when the service would start.

Certificate

He added: "I think people prefer the security of the traditional taxi."

TV stars at shops event for students

welcoming students during an annual shopping extravaganza at Merry Hill.

The shopping central at theiry Hill.

The shopping centre is gearing up for its annual student night with a range of special activities and discounts available.

More than 8,000 students attended

More than 5,000 students attended last year's event at the centre in Brierley Hill, which is given a dash of glamour by celebrity guests.

The 27-year-old singer, who also featured in the Australian jungle on

featured in the Australian jungle on reality show I'm a Celebrity...Get Me out of Here, will be meeting fans. The student night takes place on Tuesday, September 29, from 3pm and 10pm.

Also due to be making an appearance will be Made in Chelsea stars Jamie Laing and Stephanie Pratt. People can meet the celebs from 8pm on the upper mall near Argos.

People will need to register for wristbands to meet the celebrities. For further information visit, www.

For further information visit www. intu.co.uk/merryhill website.

Eleven is magic number for new club



Promoter Neil Griffiths, from Oldswinford, outside the new Eleven club that has opened in Stourbridge

"We have applied to operate in Dudley. We have plans to operate in lots of
areas in the Midlands," he added.
He has submitted an application for
a certificate of lawful use for operating
a private hire operator business from
a base at Dudley Court South.
In February, Birmingham became
the fourth city in the UK to be targeted by the American firm which now
operates in more than 50 countries.
Dudley Private Hire and Taxi Association chairman, Shaz Saleem, said
while he didn't think his members
would support Uber, he doesn't believe the firm's arrival would affect THE boss of a new bar and nightclub is promising something different for Stourbridge.

Eleven has opened at the former

Eleven has opened at the former Moochers venue off the ring road. Like its predecessor, the bar will continue to play host to local bands but will also look to attract clubbers at weekends, with a DJ set playing until 2am.

The building did not remain empty for long, with Eleven launching only five months after Moochers closed.

The beat had a large following in

The bar had a large following in Stourbridge and its demise was met

with disappointment in the town, but promoter Neil Griffiths is confident the new club can fill the void.

He said: "We're trying to achieve something slightly different in Stourbridge. Alot of people we have spoken to locally say they want something that is a higher level than what is on offer at the moment.

"We are trying to be unique rather than churning out the same stuff as many nightclubs in the UK as there will be a DJ and full band."

Mr Griffiths accepts it is a difficult into launch a nightclub. A recent study showed there are now half as many nightclubs in the UK as there will be acoustic live music before a club evening afterwards. On Saturday there will be a DJ and full band. The work of the

than churning out the same stuff as everywhere else. We will have the local cover bands but we will also have unsigned bands to try and give Stour-

mate and we are seeing a lot of night-clubs in decline. We are confident, we think there is a gap in the market for and people are craving."

Work under 5 way to restore locomotive

PAINSTAKING work is being carried out to restore a steam locomotive and bring it back to the tracks for the first time in three decades.

Engineers are dedicating hours of work to return the Hagley Hall locomotive to its former glory. It is based within a workshop at Severn Valley Railway's Bridgnorth station and it is hoped it could be back on the rails again within three years.

The £500,000 project is gathering pace as a team of six are tasked with the challenge of restoring the Locomotive 4930 Hagley Hall.

Bob Sweet, from the Friends of Locomotive 4930 Hagley Hall group, said: "There is a lot of support and interest from members of the Severn Valley Railway.

interest from members of the Severn Valley Railway.
I'm sure a lot of Severn Valley Railway supporters and visitors would love to see it come back."
Hagley Hall was built at Great Western Railway's works in Swindon, Wiltshire, in 1929 and served at depots across the Midlands and West Country. It was withdrawn from service in December 1963, having run 1,295,236 miles and was sold for scrap before being recovered by enthusiasts. It has no actual link to Hagley Hall apart from Great Western's tradition

apart from Great Western's tradition at the time to name each class of its locomotives after places or people.

Advice for elderly to remain independent

OLDER people looking for advice to help live as independently as possible can attend weekly drop-in information sessions.

tion sessions. An advisor from Dudley Council will be on hand to provide guidance on a range of topics including health and security. It takes place at The Hope Centre on Andrew Road, Halesowen, on Wednesdays from 10am until noon. Contact the housing support team on (01384) 812504.

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IN MY VIEW

Nation is hooked on buy now, pay later

NOT that I am suggesting that Britain as a nation is still hooked on debt, borrowing when we should be saving, still suffering from a "buy now, pay later" culture. But I saw the following deal in a well-known secondhand goods retailer on a child's descant recorder: Deposit £0.70; 12 x weekly repayments £0.23; total to pay £3.50.

If we are teaching children to buy even the cheapest products on the never-never, can we really be surprised if they grow up unable to manage their finances?

PHEW. Glad they've sorted that one out. After five months of bitter wrangles, the Valhalla fetish club in Dudley has finally been given the go-ahead.

The owners say we shouldn't jump to conclusions, that events like the Foot Fetish Feast are just good clean innocent fun. They say there will be no sexual activities taking place, just role play and fetish, whatever that means. A bit like Dungeons and Dragons I guess, with a bit of light spanking thrown in to add a dash of colour.

Perhaps I've led a sheltered life, but I never knew this sort of thing really went

Pernaps I've led a snetered life, but never knew this sort of thing really went on in the Black Country. I always assumed Foot Fetish Feasts were an activity strictly reserved for the trendier parts of the capital. They don't call it swingin' London for nothing.

London for nothing.

However, the burning question which nobody appears to have explained is whether the club has its own changing room, or whether the fetish fans will be getting out of their cars in their, ahem, finery? Will shoppers and visitors to the leisure centre see the role-play lovers trudging up the road in their exotic leather and rubber gear as they head to this metropolis of masochism? That would be a sight to hehold

er and rubber gear as they head to this metropolis of masochism? That would be a sight to behold.

Will the equipment be provided inhouse, or will it be a case of "bring-a-bottle – and half a yard of chain and cat o' nine tails while you're about it"? Perhaps White Van Man will reverse up to the delivery bay to unload the latest consignment of chainmail and horsehair whips. By sheer coincidence, the club is just across the road from the Freemason's lodge. Maybe it's just me, but don't you

LIVEN THE FORM THE FREEMASON'S lodge. Maybe it's just me, but don't you think there could be some very interesting misunderstandings if the two groups mistake each other for their own in the street?

WELL fancy that. A new report says that due to the surging number of young people going to university, there has been a big increase in the number of graduates ending up in routine jobs which do not require a degree. Who would have thought it?

Time was when a law degree was the step to becoming a barrister. These days you are as likely to end up as a barista.



November is a vellow-breasted capuchin by Karen Edwards



Sumatran tigress Daseep photographed by Kathryn Willett



A beautiful flamingo that was pictured by Helen Peoples

Animal magic as zoo images chosen

Dudley Zoo has released it's 2016 calendar featuring photos taken by visitors, RICHARD **GUTTRIDGE** takes a look

THEY could easily have been taken on the plains of Africa or deep in the jungle. But each of these stunning images of wildlife were actually captured right here in the Black Country.

These snaps have been chosen to feature in Dudley Zoo's 2016 calendar and were all taken by amateur photogra-

From a fearsome Sumatran tiger to an adorable Humboldt penguin, the images capture the wide range on animals on display at the

The wide range on animals on display at the zoo.

The zoo's own photographer Jason Skaratt was given the unenviable task of choosing a top 13 to feature in the calendar, one for the front cover and each month of the year, from more than 100 entries from zoo visitors.

Chosen for the front cover was the stunning shot of a black and white ruffed lemur, capturing its glowing orange eyes deep in focus.

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Dragon

Orang utans, meerkats, a chimpanzee and bearded dragon all feature during the year.

The lucky 13 — including one woman who travelled more than 200 miles from Gateshead to take December's picture of the otters — will be treated to an intimate Wake up the Zoo tour, where they will be allowed inside before it opens and see the animals having their breakfast.

Kathryn Willett, who lives over the road from the zoo in Page's Croft and visits a cou-ple of times a week, was delighted to hear her snap of beloved tiger Daseep, had made it into the calendar.

The spectacular shot was taken on a snowy

day at the start of this year.
The 46-year-old amateur photographer, who works at Tesco in Dudley, said: "I would be

The cover of Dudley Zoo's 2016 calendar is a black and white ruffed lemur by Simon Brettell

lost without my camera, I work nights and it

is a little bit of chill time for me.

"Anytime anyone uses my pictures it's a huge privilege. I feel very proud. It was in January or February this year, I saw the snow on the ground and thought 'quick, get the camera'."

A self-confessed cat girl, Kathryn picked the

snow leopard and lioness as her other favourites, among wit the meerkats. She said there will be plenty of more shots of Daseep to come. "Ever since he came he came here I have been obsessed with her, she is a beautiful an-

The Dudley Zoo calendar is always popular with visitors and is now on sale from the safari gift shop for £4.99.

Proceeds from the 2016 calendar will be given to Painted Dog Conservation in Zimbabwe, an organisation whose representatives

recently visited the zoo to talk about its work saving endangered African hunting dogs in the wild through action and education. This year's calendar raised £700 for charity

21st Century Tiger towards wild tiger conser-

vation projects
Marketing manager Andrea Hales said:
"Jason had a very difficult job as standards
were incredibly high but we are thrilled with the finished 2016 calendar and we're sure it

the mished 2016 calendar and we're sure it will be popular with our visitors.

"The 13 images offer a glimpse of the wide range of animals we have here at Dudley Zoo.
"We are extremely grateful to everyone who entered the calendar competition and offer our congratulations to the winners on their impressive images." impressive images

figures at the Castle Hill attraction were up by 1,500 this August compared to the same period leet tree. period last year.

This August, 55,775 people went through the zoo's gates compared to 54,259 who visited the 40-acre site in 2014.

Its busiest day was August 8 when almost 3,000 animal enthusiasts visited the attrac-

Zoo director Derek Grove said: "We are very grateful to the loyal people who support the zoo, and the conservation work we do, in all weathers.

weathers.
"We no longer attract visitors solely from the Midlands but across the country and overseas, so the future's looking bright."
Meanwhile, Dudley Zoo has set up a wish list on Amazon for supporters who want to make a donation to the site.

The wish list offers denote a choice of page.

The wish list offers donors a choice of practical items the attractions need. They can then be purchased online and delivered direct to the

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Items on the list start at around £1 and peo-ple can select goods which will benefit their favourite kinds of animals as there are descrip-tions of what the products would be used for. Items include a smoothie maker and a pop-corn maker to cook up some treats for the chimps. An anonymous donation of £50 has out the hall rolling and the zoo has already got the ball rolling and the zoo has already ordered a pile of goodies including baskets for enrichment and a hot water bottle for any an-imals under the weather.

Popular

Lower primates section leader Nicola Wright, who has organised the wish list, said other zoos used the wish list scheme and it was popular with their supporters.

She said: "Quite a few zoos across Britain and Europe have created Amazon wish lists and people seem to like being able to buy something knowing that it will be useful." or go to a certain type of animal.

"We will be adding to our list and updating it regularly, according to what we need. We are extremely grateful for all the support we already get from visitors and if anyone is able

already get from visitors and if anyone is able to help us through this new channel it would be greatly appreciated."

The full Dudley Zoo wish list is available by searching for Dudley Zoo in the wish list sec-tion on Amazon's UK homepage.

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I recently had first-hand experience of what the authorities have to face. Me and my son have a small fabricating business and the unit next door is a one man band garage. We were approached by some travellers to do some welding repairs to a pick-up truck and they asked the chap next door to service it as well. Foolishly (I know, I know) we did the work but when they came to

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Let's try to get this cruel law changed

I HAD a letter printed a few weeks ago about my horror on finding out that under English Common Law stillborn babies are classed as non human beings. As my grandson

babies are classed as non human beings. As my grandson was stillborn and I know of others who have been through this terrible ordeal this played heavily on my mind.

I couldn't bear to think of these precious babies being referred to in such a way, so I contacted my local MP Ian Austin and asked who I needed to contact regarding trying to get this law changed. He kindly replied and also forwarded my concern to Jeremy Hunt, the Health Minister.

I would like to appeal to any other parents, grandparents and families who have been affected by such a devastating loss to do the same and contact their MP and between us and with the help of the Government let's see if we can get this insensitive and downright cruel law changed. this insensitive and downright cruel law changed.

I owe it to my precious grandson Sam and all the other little ones to get the recognition they deserve. I would like to add, importantly and unfortunately, that at this moment in time it cannot apply to miscarriage due to the duration

J TAYLOR-BLAKE
Dudley

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR Historian Carl to be at launch

I AM pleased to announce that West Midlands' historian Professor Carl Chinn will be visiting Wesley Methodist Church, High Street, West Bromwich, on Saturday, September 26, to launch my new hardback book of old photographs entitled West Bromwich Remembered.

It will be on sale at a discount price of £9.99 with do-nations again being made to local charities and churches from the proceeds. Signed copies can be obtained from the church between 9.30am and 4pm with Carl Chinn attending from 10am to 1pm to meet those who want him

to sign their purchases.

Admission is free with entry/invitation cards not entry/invitation cards not being required on this occa-sion. I would like to thank all those who helped, par-ticularly readers of the Express & Star and The Chronicle. If anyone would like further details I can be contacted on 01922 635891.

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awthorn Emotive subject of life and death



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How could you ever want to give that up?

Then I think about someone living

Then I think about someone living in unbearable pain, for whom even breathing has become a desperate reminder of how few breaths they may have left, and how much harder it is going to become and I think, who am I to tell them all this?

Step forward Wolverhampton South West MP Rob Marris, bringing his Assisted Dying Bill to be debated in the Commons on Friday.

Dignity

He presents it as a calm and rational response to an issue of growing concern – that there are people who want to end their lives in dignity but the law

to the their lives in dignity out the law tells them they cannot.

The two doctors who would have to agree would not administer the drugs. A judge would have the final say.

The patient would have to be tone to take their own life. Opponents will not see it like that.

will not see it like that.

For even though the Bill would only allow lethal medication to be prescribed to someone diagnosed with less than six months to live, it is effectively asking another human being for help to die. Last week alone, 36 religious leaders including priests and vicars from across the West Midlands told



Wolverhampton South West MP Rob Marris

Mr Marris in an open letter, and in no uncertain terms, how much they

objected.

For the former lawyer, on his second run as an MP, the task is not just about arguing the ease for his Assisted Dying Bill, but about stressing all the things that it is not.

It is not, he says, euthanasia. It is not, he says, about pressuring someone who is elderly and infirm to end their life.

their life.

The problem he faces, beyond the Bill itself, is that many of those who oppose assisted dying believe it to be the thin end of the wedge.

There is no more emotive subject than the sanctity of life

Christian ministers believe they are fighting to preserve it. Right to die campaigners believe desperately ill people are being condemned to suffer in pain.

I think I'll feel sad or uneasy which ever way this goes.

Those of us sitting on the fence can only hope or pray that as far as ourselves and our loved ones are concerned, we never feel the need to ask someone else to decide on a matter of life and death.

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ondary school in Sandwell for a decade have been given the green light.

Around 120 Year 7 pupils will

start at the Q3 Academy in Lang-

start at the Q3 Academy in Lang-ley from next September.
By 2023 the academy school will have a total of 1,500 pupils enrolled.
The school will be built off Moat Road on land which used to house the Oldbury College of Sport and where buildings were demolished earlier this month.

The scheme has been supported by bosses at Sandwell Council who said it was great news for the children of Sandwell. It will be the first new secondary school to open in 10 years in the entire borough.

It is being sponsored by Eric and Grace Payne, who were the sponsors of the Q3 Academy in nearby Great Barr.

Facilities

The previous school on the site, Langley High School, closed in 2007, but the site continued to be used by the Oldbury College of Sport and Oldbury Academy until 2012, when the school moved all activity to the former Oldbury Technical School site on Pound Road and abandoned the site on Most Pond

on Moat Road.

A dining hall and main hall will be at the centre of the new building, while the new school will also feature drama and music areas, an art and design centre and top-of-the-range sports facilities. The proposals were

sports facilities. The proposals were rubber-stamped by a recent Sandwell Council planning committee.

But approval was only given after restrictions on non-pupil use of the school's sporting facilities had been removed. Councillor Steve Trow said: "If the sporting facilities at the school can the sporting facilities at the school can be made available for community use than I believe that is something worth



An artist's impression of the entrance to the Q3 Academy off Moat Road



is not safe for community use outside of school hours.

These are important green spaces in a highly built-up area. It would be extremely valuable for the pitches to be bought back into community use if at all possible.

In light of these concerns it was agreed to remove a condition restrict-

doing. I find it extraordinary to say it ing community use of the school's external pitches to 8pm Monday-Sat-urday and 2pm on Sunday. Councillor Roger Horton raised the

issue of public transport. He said: "It is going to be such a large complex in Moat Road has any thought been given to how people will be getting there and how people will travel away from



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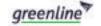


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Andy Cooper, general manager said: "Having building work on the site isn't the best situation but the staff rose to the chal-

lenges.
"As the saying goes, 'no pain, no gain' and the showroom and service area looks fantastic."

Halesowen Motor House is relieved to be back to trading as normal and held an open weekend from August 28-31.

Helen Madani, sales manager, commented: "All staff have coped very well during the refurbishment and I'd like to thank our customers for their patience during this time

'We had some excellent offers on during the weekend to kick start our re-launch, one of which was £500 of free extras with every car sold. Plenty of folk came down, and not just to check out the new furnishings!

"We were thrilled to see so many customers old and new as we shared in the cele-

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to purchasing a new car. With competitive service rates, the team can help you take out a service plan to spread your costs over the year for a little as £11.99 a month.

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Helen continues: "We are very proud to be able to offer motorists with disabilities the chance to drive away in a Vauxhall ve-

hicle that fully meets their mobility needs, including increasing the number of models available at nil advance payment.

"This enthusiasm for great value for money ensures that our models remain some of the top choices for Motability customers in the area.

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Soulful reunion for Red Lemons Cash cuts see police officers Arts and crafts event at church using cars without sirens

soul group The Red Lemon Electric Blues Band who will be playing to a packed Stour-bridge Town Hall tomorrow night (Friday) and again on Saturday.

IT'S reunion weekend for Black Country

The group were one of the most popular live acts in the Midlands back in the 1980s and '90s and are getting back together to

and you and are getting back together to mark the 30th anniversary of being founded. Future TV presenter Suzi Perry, whose father Tony managed them, would some-times appear with the group as a dancer and an early version briefly featured another future TV star from the Black Country, Advisor Chiles on beas quiters.

Adrian Chiles, on bass guitar.

The band planned the reunion for September 11 but after that sold out added a second on September 12 and a few tickets are left for Saturday. Call 0870 320 7000.

drive to emergencies without sirens due to cash cuts - resulting in delays attending robberies, burglaries and

There have been more than 100 reports in the past 12 months of police attending urgent matters without a siren in the West

As a result, there is said to be 'huge frustration' among officers, who feel they are 'letting the public' down as they struggle to get to crime

Vauxhall Corsa patrol cars being used have blue lights but no sirens and were originally intended for neighbourhood policing and non-urgent in-

However, according to the Police Federation, they are being deployed to more emergencies due to the reduction in staff caused by the Government's budget cuts to West Midlands Police.

Officers are ordered to drive the Corsa at 'pa-trol speed' and obey the rules of the road. But the absence of a siren means they cannot get traffic to move out of the way.

safety boss Pete Harkness said: "More emphasis is being put on the Corsa in answering emergency calls. In these circumstances, the lack of a siren creates huge frustration among the officers driving them. They feel they are letting the public down."

One police officer, who did not want to be

named, revealed how he arrived in a Corsa patrol car too late to save a member of the public from being assaulted by a drink driver. Up to 2,500 West Midland Police officers and

staff are set to be axed in the next four years

event at church

A CHURCH is bringing together artists from the community to exhibit and sell

their work. St Peter's Church, in Cradley, is hosting the event on Saturday from 10am to 2pm.

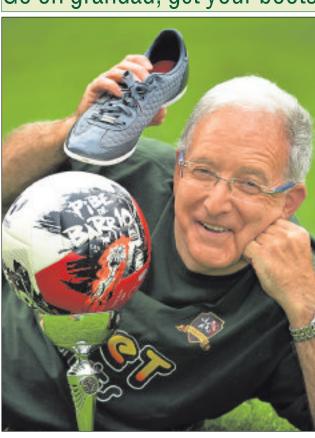
Stalls will include crafts and jewellery as well as information from the new com-munity arts resource store CIC and a chance to have a go at pottery or take part in a guided tour.

Or for £1.50 they can have a go at printing on textiles and see a demonstration by award winning artist Ann-Monique Stel-

linga.

Rev Sarah Brush said: "It is going to be a wonderful day celebrating our history and the creativity of local people. It's a chance for everyone to get creative."

Go on grandad, get your boots



Councillor Derrick Hemingsley is ready for the walking football tournament at Wordsley Park

A SPORT that allows older people the chance to keep playing football — at a much slower pace — is coming to Dudley.

An eight-team walking football tournament takes place in Wordsley Park later this month.

this month.

Teams of seven players will battle it out to be crowned inaugural champions of the contest in the morning of Saturday, September 26, ahead of family activities in the park in the afternoon

Ward Councillor Derrick Hemingsley, who has helped organise the tournament, said it was a chance to showcase the sport

of walking football to the wider public.

After taking part in such a match earlier this year, Councillor Hemingsley said it sparked his interest to bring the sport to

manner as five-a-side football, but players are not allowed to run. If they do, a free kick will be awarded to the opposition. Councillor Hemingsley said: "I was in-

Councillor Hemingsley said: "I was involved in a walking football tournament in Molineux and from that I had the idea to promote it in Dudley. I got together with Age Concern to put this tournament together because I want to try to encourage Dudley residents that are over 40 to come and try out walking football.

"The FA are supporting us as well and they because to see how it rose:

"We're hoping it will mean our green spaces are used more during the weeks, whereas normal football takes place at weekends.

sparked his interest to bring the sport to the borough.

The sport is played in exactly the same the same weekends.

Anyone who wants to get involved with the tournament should call Councillor Hemingsley on 07771 977746.

Invitation to run by New homes magnificent Severn

SEVERN Valley Country Park is set to play host to a 5km running event later this month.

The third annual Severn Valley Trail Race takes place on Sunday, September 27. It starts at 11am from the visitor centre at the beauty sport in Alveley, near Bridgnorth, and runners will job through woodlands, meadows and along the banks of the River Severn.

Shropshire Council's parks and countryside sites officer, Edward Andrews, said: "This will be a fantastic race and the whole route will be off road. I would encourage people to bring all the family down to the park. People who are not running can enjoy a coffee and a slice of cake in the tearoom or take the children on our natural play area."

Entry fee for the race is \$7 per person (for entries re-

Entry fee for the race is £7 per person (for entries received before September 18) and £8 per person on the day, if places are available. For more details and for entry forms call the park on 01746 781192.

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A CARE home and houses

to a Tipton nature reserve. Under re-submitte Under re-submitted plans, a residential home with 18 apartments for supported living would be built on the site in Johns Lane, near to Sheepwash Local Nature Reserve. There would also be 18 houses at the site

The scheme has been re-submitted to Sandwell Council and will be consid-ered later in the year. Access to the site would be from Johns Lane















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The counterfeit cigarettes were discovered inside a cupboard.

A safe on the premises was found to be full of illegal rolling tobacco.

The value of the haul is not yet known and a trad-ing standards investigation is under way. No arrests had been made following Saturday's raid

Just last week, Sandwell Council revealed details of a huge £100,000 haul of dangerous cigarettes and tobacco seized at shops across the borough during two days of raids.

Three face deportation

THREE people have been arrested during immigration raids on a pizza take-away in Blackheath and a clothing firm in Sandwell. Two Indian women and

a Pakistani man were arrested, detained and face being deported. The women, aged 28 and 46, were found at RS Garments in Grice Street, West Bromwich. The man, 25, was found at Rock Pizza in High Street, Blackheath. All three had overstayed their visas.

More parking spaces to ease congestion at hospital

for Rowley Regis Hospital in a bid to ease the strain on patients and nearby residents.

A new staff car park with up to 50 bays will be created on land at the back of the hospital, off Moor Lane. It will free up existing spaces in the car park currently used by workers, so they can be used by patients and visitors.

It's part of a £2 million re-vamp of the hospital which follows a public consultation held earlier this year.

The car park has around 110 spaces available but residents and patients have requested more bays as visitors, unable to park on site, have clogged up surround-ing roads at busy times.

Project manager Paul Scott said making further parking spaces available would improve access at the site. Mr Scott said: "We have a great facility here and we want to see it as a vibrant, healthcare hub for people in the local community."

Extra health clinics, a re-

furbished gym and therapy areas will also be created as part of the revamp, as well as better refreshment facili-ties for patients and visitors. Work is set to be begin

this year and be completed by Easter

Meanwhile, free parking passes for relatives who help care for loved ones will im-

by Heather Large

prove patient experiences, say bosses.

Managers and matrons at Sandwell, City and Rowley Regis hospitals — run by Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals Trust — will have discretion to give out

Steve Clarke, deputy di-rector of facilities, said: "We have introduced free car parking to carers and/or relatives, who are in attendance throughout the day supporting and assisting in the care of their relatives or friends.

triends.
"This policy is effective at all three of our hospitals, at Sandwell General Hospital, City Hospital and Rowley Regis Community Hospital."

At Rowley Regis Hospital, parking for between 30 min-utes and eight hours costs £2.50, to a maximum daily



Ring mistress Yasmine Smart will present Netherlands National Circus at Rowley Regis

Roll up roll up for big top circus

CROWDS can enjoy high-flying antics when the Netherlands National Circus visits Rowley Regis.

The big top is being set up in Moor Lane, Rowley Regis, from September 15 to 20 and then in Dartmouth Park, West Bromwich, from September 22 to 27.

An international cast of artists will feature in the show hosted by ringmaster Yasmine Smart. Acts include Australian trapeze artists The Flying Aces, France's Jidinis Illusionist Troupe and Yoswanny Rod-Troupe and Yosvanny Rod-rigues performing on the high wire. Team Fonz per-form a Happy Days show on the trampoline while there will be clowns from Italy and Spain and Spain.

and Spain.

At both venues, performances from Tuesday to Friday are 4.45pm and 7.30pm, Saturday at 2pm, 4.45pm and 7.30pm unday at 12.30pm and 3.30pm. For more information visit www.netherlandscircus.com

Homes get green light at tyre depot

A 23-HOME development in Rowley Regis has been given the green light after the scheme was amended due to neighbours' concerns.

Residents living near York Road had raised worries about the height of proposed homes at the back of the site of the former Regis Tyres Depot. The developer agreed to change plans from three to two storeys. from three to two storeys.

A report by Sandwell Council said: "Whilst some Council said: "Whilst some further revisions have been requested to improve access and proximity to site boundaries, I consider that the proposal now provides a variety of housing types, is of good quality and will enhance the wider area."

The plans were unanimously approved by

imously approved by Sandwell Council's plan-ning committee. The devel-opment includes 14 two-bed properties, six three-bed and three four-bed homes.

Church marks VE Day 70th

A CHURCH will be holding a Victory in Europe Day anniversary event. St Paul's Church in Long Lane, Blackheath, will hold

a Last Night of the Proms concert to celebrate 2015 being the 70th anniversary of VE Day.

Dudley Salvation Army

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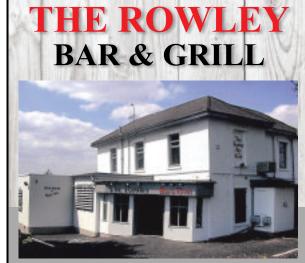
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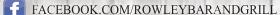


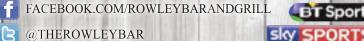
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Tribute In The Park '15



Saturday, from 12 noon Wolverhampton Racecourse A feast of tribute acts will grace the stage of Tribute In The Park this weekend. The bill includes Blurb, The Kaiser Thiefs (pictured), Coldplace and Queen Act QE2 Visit wolverhampton-racecourse.co.uk

Luke **Jermah**



Saturday, 8pm Stafford Gatehouse The audience is promised an

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Alan Carr: Yap, Yap, Yap! Fri at 8pm - 9.50pm, Sat at 8pm 9.50pm, S30 Birmingham Hippodrome, B5 4TB. Call 0844 338 5000

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Open Mic Night Mon at 8.30pm, Free Katie Fitzgerald's, Wollaston, Stourbridge, DY8 3TB. Call 01384 374410

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John Doyle Sun at 7.30pm - 10.30pm, £10. Kitchen Garden Cafe, King's Heath, Birmingham, B14 7SA. Call 0121 443 4725

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Battle Of Britain Concert Sun at 2pm, £5
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Luke Jermay: Sixth Sense Sat at 8pm, £14.50 - £16.50 Stafford Gatehouse Theatre, ST16 2LT. Call 01785 254653

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Thursday, September 10,

Rockers forged in Great Bar...Great Food... Great Bar...Great Food... Great Entertainment... the Black Country Knigh



Ice cool and ready to launch their debut album - Black Country rock band EofE with singer Tom Harris centre

BLACK Country five-piece EofE have unveiled a dramatic video for their brand new single 'Get Caught', ahead of the release of their highly-anticipated self-titled

debut album on October 9.
The video includes band performance shots cut with a dark storyline featuring lust and violence. The video can be seen at www.youtube.com/ watch?v=PUfd_qmRp1U

After a prolific year of relentless touring and three singles, Dudley band EofE have become one of the most hotly-tipped newcomers with their thunderous brand of pop rock and are in concert tomorrow night (Fri) at Birmingham 02 Academy. The album brings the most out of

The album brings the most out of Tom Harris's extraordinary vocal range, making it a truly special debut record and a marker in the sand for new, upcoming British rock bands. Already being compared to the likes of You Me At Six, Young Guns and Mallory Knox, this is the perfect

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The past few months have seen EofE's status grow and grow, with storming sets at The Great Escape, Camden Rocks and Download Festival. The band have also paid their dues on the road touring with UK Brit-metallers Glamour Of The Kill and headlining dozens of their own

shows.
With their debut album about to drop, EofE are ready to smash through the doors of British rock.



Ian hops in for Tull opera

PROGRESSIVE Rock pioneer Ian Anderson, front man of Jethro Tull, is bringing Jethro Tull — The Rock Opera to Symphony Hall, Birmingham, tomorrow (Fri), one of only six UK dates. The rock opera honours the 18th Century English agriculturalist that the band was named after back in 1968. The shows tell the story of the original Tull's life, reimagined as if in the near future and illustrated with Anderson's best-known material from the rock band's repertoire.

The set will include many songs that Anderson found to be natural parallels with Tull's life story, including Wind Up, Heavy Horses, Aqualung, Back to the Family, Farm on the Freeway and Songs from the Wood to name a few. Some songs have been incorporated with revised lyrics and five newly written songs have been added.

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Anderson explains: "Instead of spoken introductions to the

Anderson explains: "Instead of spoken introductions to the songs in the show, there will be the use of that operatic device the 'recitative', where the links are made by short sung vocal segments, making it a little easier and more entertaining." Meanwhile, acclaimed singer, songwriter and guitarist Richard Thompson brings his Electric Trio to Symphony Hall on Sunday. Fellow prog rockers King Crimson, featuring guitarist Robert Fripp, play the Symphony Hall on Monday and Tuesday. See www.thsh.co.uk or call 0121 345 0600.

Rock and rolling Robin at concert

A 'HARD-DRIVING' country flavoured rock and roll legend is set to play in the Black Country. Steve Gibbons will be at Bilston's Robin 2 venue on Thursday, September 17, where he will be performing classic Steve Gibbons Band tunes including his major hit Tulane.

The Birmingham musician has been a stalwart of the Midlands music scene since the early 1960s and has put out 14 albums, selling more than one million copies.

Tickets are £15 on the door, or £12.50 in advance, and are avail-

Tickets are £15 on the quoor, or f12.50 in advance, and are avail-able from the box office on 01902 401211, or via www.therobin. co.uk website. Support from singer/songwriter Pete Boddis.

It's a royal role for **Jesus star Powell**

A PLAY that ponders how Prince Charles might rule is

Prince Charles might rule is staged at Birmingham Repertory Theatre until September 19.
King Charles III features Robert Powell in the lead role. It centres on the prince ascending to the throne, following a lifetime of waiting and he has to decide how to rule. Mike Bartlett's Olivier Award-winning play, staged by leading director Rupert Goold, enjoyed critical acclaim in its London run.
Powell is well known to theatre fans and his TV credits include The Detectives and Holby City. He is most remembered

City. He is most remembered for portraying the Son of God in Franco Zeffirelli's 1977 TV movie Jesus Of Nazareth.

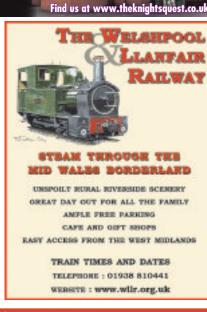
Mac DeMarco and Wolf Alice on way

CANADIAN singer/songwriter Mac DeMarco is at The Insti-Mac DeMarco is at The Insti-tute in Birmingham tonight (Thu). American psych band Wand play The Rainbow in Dig-beth on Saturday, following the release of the hard-riffing LA quartet's potent second album Golem earlier this year. That's the night after Brother & Bones play the Reinbowr play the Rainbow

Ex-Bottlemen guitarist Billy Bibby is at the Sunflower Lounge in Birmingham on Wednesday. Camden Town's Wolf Alice play The Institute on Thursday, September 17, after making one of the albums of the year with their debut My Love is Cool. Support from Drenge.







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Stilton and spinach linguine from the vegetarian menu

Ye Olde Toll House in Willenhall

Minor grumbles, but food hit the spot at Ye Olde Toll House

is a comforting little venue with huge beams supporting the ceilings and where the rooms nicely furnished and lit.

We were ushered into the bar area on to huge, soft sofas where we ordered drinks and browsed menus before ordering our food and heading to our table.

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There are set price options if you want to stick to a budget, or you can pick and choose from the à la carte lists or specials boards—which featured a host of fish dishes. And it's worth noting that Ye Olde Toll House has a separate veggie menu.

separate veggie menu.
It was a pretty busy evening for midweek
but the wait on the food was very short.
My first friend chose the pan fried pigeon
breast with black pudding mousse, sautéed

wild mushrooms and pancetta crisps, which

went down pretty well. My other friend went for the garlic and herb-baked king prawns with toasted ciabatta. The prawns were almost perfect with the flavours going

were almost perfect with the flavours going down a storm.

I opted for the crispy pork belly with stirfried vegetables and toasted sesame seeds. The flavours were gorgeous and the differing textures of the pork were nice on the palate. The vegetables were difficult to get out of the decorative, unusually-shaped bowl, though.

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bowl, though.
So onto round two. And just as with the starters, they proved a treat. The pan-fried duck breast was next for one friend. It came with a healthy portion of dauphinoise potatoes, fried wild mushrooms and a sloe gin and redcurrant sauce. 'Beautiful' was the adjective used to describe the duck and

said the peppercorns in the sauce confused things and added an unnecessary crunch.

My female pal ordered from the vegetarian menu – the stilton and spinach linguine with side salad and garlic bread. It arrived with very cute mini ciabattas rather than garlic bread but she didn't mind as it was a hefty helping of pasta and ended up defeat-

ing her anyway.

The flavour of the stilton was praised as it added a kick that offset the mushrooms nicely. The wilted spinach was noticeable too as it added bite. The side salad was largely ignored due to the pasta portion.

I chose from the grill menu – an 8oz sir-loin steak with baked tomato, roast field mushroom, peas and hand cut chips. I added a peppercorn and brandy sauce. The steak was cooked beautifully and tasted great. It cut easily and had just enough chew with-

out being tough and dry. The sauce was thick and flavoursome, while the crunchy skin of the chips was a delight.

Despite the amount we'd already eaten we weren't quite done yet as we decided desserts would be a great idea.

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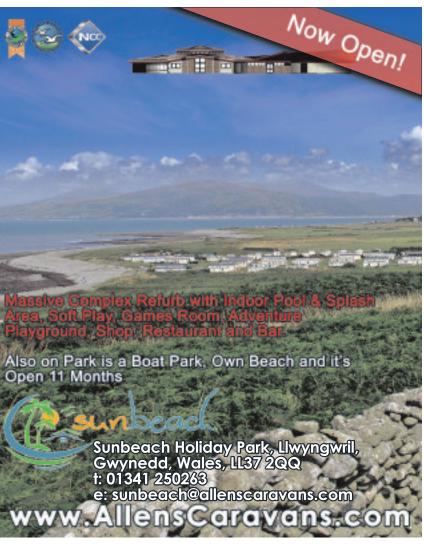
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My mate chose the chocolate torte with cherry ice cream and amaretto cherries – banging' was his verdict. The pastry, too, got full marks. Friend two chose the lemon curd cheesecake, served in a wine glass. She was a little disappointed as she felt it was more of a mousse than a cheesecake.

I had a piping hot apple strudel. The pastry was crisp and snapped when cut into and the apple chunks were large and sweet – softened by the vanilla custard.

A couple of grumbles with the food and the lack of checking up on us by staff had not dampened our evening and we smiled in

not dampened our evening and we smiled in satisfaction at our evening meals.





CHOICE



David Benson-Philips

Pointless Celebrities

(BBC1, 7.20pm) Alexander Armstrong presents the general knowledge quiz as famous faces from children's television programmes take part. This edition features CBBC presenters Anthea Turner and Andy Crane, CBeebies stars Justin Fletcher and Gemma Hunt, children's TV hosts Dave Benson-Phillips and Gareth Jones, and former presenters Sally James and Geoffrey Hayes. The famous faces try to come up with the least likely correct answers to a series of questions posed to members of the public. Cohost Richard Osman has all the answers.

6.00 Breakfast. 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live. 11.30 Terry and Mason's Great Live. 11.30 Terry and Mason's Great Food frip. (R) 12.00 BBC News; Weather. 12.10 Football Focus. 12.50 Saturday Sportsday. 1.00 Athletics. 2.00 Live Athletics. Great North CityGames. The Great North CityGames. 4.00 Final Score. 5.10 Film: Kung Fu Panda. (2008) Animated comedy, with the voice of Jack Black.

- 6.30 Now You See It. The best and worst of the magic world, featuring incredible performances from across the globe as well as ricks going wrong.
- 7.00 BBC News
- 7.10 Regional Programme
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- 8.10 The National Lottery: In It to Win The National Cutery.

 H. New series. Dale Winton hosts the quiz show in which five contestants answer questions to scoop a big cash prize. Includes the National Lottery draw with a performance by Leona Lewis.
- 9.00 Last Night of the Proms: Part Two. Katie Derham presents live from the Royal Albert Hall, as the from the Royal Albert Hall, as the Proms season reaches the grand finale of its 120th anniversary year. Soloists tenor Jonas Kaufmann, soprano Danielle de Miese and planist Benjamin Grosvenor perform music by Gershwin, Lehar and James P. Johnson, and Marin Alsop conducts the BBC Symphony Orchestra and Chorus and the BBC singers.

 10.30 BBC News; Weather.

 10.50 Match of the Day. Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League matches, including Manchester United v Liverpool; National Lottery Update.

- 12.15 Weather for the Week Ahead.

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6.05 Film: Hue and Cry. (1947) 7.25 Film: Wonder Man. (1945) 9.00 The Film: Wonder Man. (1945) 9.00 The Women's Football Show. (R) 9.30 Animal Park. (R) 10.00 More Creatures Great and Small. (R) 10.30 More Creatures Great and Small. (R) 11.00 Labour Leadership: The Result. 12.00 Terry and Mason's Great Food Trip. (R) 12.30 Great British Menu. (R) 1.00 Great British Menu. (R) 1.30 Great British Menu. (R) 2.00 Live Golf: Walker Cup. The opening day from Royal Lytham & St Annes Golf Club.

- Annes Golf Club.

 6.45 Dad's Army. The platoon rescues the verger from being carried away by a barrage balloon and the men take it off to the woods to secure it to a tree. Unfortunately they let go of the ropes too early and it floats off taking Captain Mainwaring with it. Classic comedy first broadcast in 1969, starring Arthur Lowe, John Laurie, John Le Mesurier and Clive Dunn. (R)

 7.15 Last Night of the Proms: Part
- 7.15 Last Night of the Proms: Part One. Katie Derham presents the final concert of the 2015 Proms season live at the Royal Albert Hall. After her successful debut in 2013, conductor Marin Alsop 2013, conductor Marin Alsop returns to lead the celebrations, where musicians including tenor Jonas Kaufmann, the BBC Symphony Orchestra and Chorus, the BBC singers, and pianist Benjamin Grosvenor perform.
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 9.00 Mock the Week. The topical comedy show returns after an eight-week break, with Dara O'Briain, Hugh Dennis and Andy Parsons joined by Josh Widdicombe, Katherine Ryan, Milton Jones and Ed Gamble to give their irreverent takes on the layer set set prices to hit the bandline
- give their irreverent takes on the biggest stories to hit the headlines, through stand-up spots and improvised games. (R)

 9.30 Cradle to Grave. Danny has a few lessons in biology, both at school and in the bedroom, while his parents Bet and Fred expand their horizons with wine, dancing and a caravan holiday. (R)
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 10.08 by Mests Girl. Lo and Judy are looking forward to a quiet Sunday lunch, only for their plans to be thwarted when their families turn up at the pub. Comedy, starring Harry Hepple. (R)

 10.30 Film: Deflance. (2008) Second World War drama, starring Daniel Craig and Jamie Bell.
- 12.35 Film: Primeval. (2007) 2.05 This

6.00 CITV: The Aquabats! Super Show!
6.25 Pat & Stan. (R) 6.30 Pat & Stan.
(R) 6.40 Dino Dan. (R) 6.55 Dino Dan.
(R) 7.08 Signed Stories: Share a Story.
(R) 7.10 Sooty. (R) 7.25 Super 4. (R)
7.40 Adventure Time. 8.00 Marvel
Avengers Assemble. 8.30 Fish Hooks.
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News: Weather. 12.25 The Jeremy
Kyle Show. (R) 1.30 The Unforgetable
Les Dawson. (R) 2.00 The Chase.
(R) 3.00 The X Factor. (R) 4.15
Regional Programme: Weather. 4.30 ITV
News: Weather. 4.45 Film: Back to the
Future. (1985)
7.00 Keep It in the Family. Bradley

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- 10.15 ITV News; Weather. 10.30 Film: United 93. (2006) Fact-based drama, with Christian Clemenson and Trish Gates.
- 12.30 Jackpot247. 3.00 Show Me the Telly. (R) 3.50 ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.15 How I Met Your Mother. (R) 6.40 How I Met Your Mother. (R) 7.05 Great North Swim 2015. 8.00 The Morning Line. 9.00 Frasier. (R) 9.30 Frasier. (R) 9.30 Frasier. (R) 10.00 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 10.25 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 10.55 Come Dine with Me. (R) 11.35 Come Dine w Me. (R) 11.55 Come Dine with Me. (R) 12.55 Come Dine with Me. (R) 12.55 Come Dine with Me. (R) 1.30 Channel 4 Racing. Coverage of live racing from Doncaster and Chester. 4.05 Couples Come Dine with Me. (R) 4.40 Couples Come Dine with Me. (R) 5.30 Channel 4

- News.

 6.00 Location, Location, Location.

 Kirstie Allsopp and Phil Spencer
 guide more prospective property
 buyers through the complex world
 of viewings and agents. They
 begin in Cambridgeshire, where they help Chris and Louise find their dream home in a rural setting, while also looking at properties in Cambridge for a pair of doctors and first-time buyers.
- 7.00 Grand Designs. Kevin McCloud meets Clinton Dall from Sussex. a self-made businessman and father of four aiming to build one of the largest homes ever featured on the show. (R)
- Our Guy in India. Part two of two. Guy Martin climbs to the top of India's tallest building, visits a slum and experiences the arrival of the monsoons on his way to compete in Rider Mania. (R)
- 9.00 It Was Alright in the 1980s. Matt Lucas narrates another look back at TV shows from past decades, revisiting the time of revolution on the small screen in the 1980s.
- the small screen in the 1980s.

 10.00 This is England '38 '90. In a recap for the new series, This is England '90, Shane Meadows invites viewers to take a look back at the characters introduced in 1983.
- 10.05 Gogglebox. The nation's favourite armchair critics return to share their opinions as to what's good and bad about the week's television. (R)
- television. (R)

 11.10 Film: Chronicle. (2012) Three teenagers develop superhuman abilities, but one of them is corrupted by his new-found power. Sci-fi thriller, starring Dane DeHaan and Michael B Jordan.
- 12.50 Alan Carr: Chatty Man. (R) 1.45
 Film: Choke. (2008) 3.15 Hollyoaks. (R)
 5.25 1001 Things You Should Know. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! 9.20 SpongeBob SquarePants. 9.55 Cowboy Builders. (R) SquarePants. 9.55 Cowboy Builders. (K) 10.50 Cowboy Builders. (R) 11.50 Cowboy Builders. (R) 12.50 Film: Columbo: The Murder of a Rock Star. (1991) Crime drama, starring Peter Falk and Little Richard. 2.50 Film: Columbo: Murder – A Self Portrait. (1989) Detective drama, starring Peter Falk. 40 The Micharga Maighbury Mext 4.40 The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door. (R) 5.40 Can't Pay? We'll Take It

6.30 5 News Weekend.

- 6.35 Film: Firefox. (1982) A former US
 Air Force pilot comes out of
 retirement for a top-secret mission
 to go undercover behind the Iron
 Curtain and steal a hi-tech Soviet Curtain and steal a hi-tech Soviet fighter plane that is invisible to radar and equipped with a thought-controlled weapons system. Cold War action adventure, directed by and starring Clint Eastwood. With Freddie Jones, David Huffman and Warren Clarks Edited for violence. Clarke, Edited for violence
- Clarke. Edited for violence.

 9.00 Football League Tonight. Kelly Cates and George Riley present extended highlights of the weekend's tip matches, as well as all the goals from the Championship, League One and League Two, including Burnley v Sheffield Wednesday, Sheffield United v Bury, and Wycombe Wanderers v Plymouth Argyle. Plus, a round-up of the main talking points, and interviews with a selection of players and managers.
- managers.

 13.0 Celebrity Big Brother. The ups and downs of life in the BB house as friendships and alliannees are made, battle lines are drawn and arguments erupt.

 11.30 Tattoo Disasters UK. Featuring a man who hates his tattoo of his daughter, a driver whose tattoo was left half-linished, a blogger trying to have her tramp stamp removed and a man cureed in removed, and a man covered in ink. (R)
- 12.00 SuperCasino. Viewers get the chance to take part in live interactive gaming, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team. 3.10 Celebrity Big Brother. The ups and downs of life in the BB house as and downs of life in the BB house as friendships and alliances are made, battle lines are drawn and arguments erupt. (R) 4.00 Transporter. The Series. Frank is tasked to pick up a priceless painting from a high-end Berlin art dealer and deliver it to a rich art collector.

DIGITAL

BBC Three
7.00 Don't Tell the Bride 8.00 Top Gear
Bolivia Special 9.15 Film: Jarhead (2005)
11.10 Family Guy 1.30 Top Coppers 2.00
Fried 2.30 Fishbowl 2.55 Don't Tell the
Bride 3.50 Close **BBC Four**

7 NN India's Frontier Bailways 8 NN Natural World: Meet the Monkeys 9.00 Natural World: Meet the Monkeys 9.00 Beck 10.25 Being James Galway 11.25 Definitely Dusty 12.25 The Story of Musicals 3.25 Close

ITV2

11.35 The X Factor 12.50 The Xtra Factor 1.50 You ve Been Framed! 2.20 Catchphrase 3.05 Film: The Flintstones (1994) 4.50 Film: Legally Blonde 2: Red, White and Blonde (2003) 6.55 Film: E.T.: The Extra-Terestrial (1982) 9.15 The Xtra Factor 10.15 Celebrity Juice 11.05 Safeword 12.30 Fake Reaction 1.15 Crazy Beaches 2.00 Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records 2.25 Animal Practice 2.50 Teleshopping 5.50 ITV2 Nightscreen

1.00 Agatha Christie's Marple 5.05 Film: Columbo: Murder with Too Many Motes (2000) 7.00 Doc Martin 8.00 Levis 10.00 A Touch of Frost 12.05 Wire in the Blood 1.30 On the Buses 2.00 Movies Nov 2.05 ITV3 Nightscreen 2.30 Teleshopping

ITV4

2. 30 Storage Wars 1.00 Cycling: Tour of Britain Live 4.00 British Touring Car Championship Highlights 5.30 Storage Wars 6.00 Football Dream Debuts 7.00 Cycling 8.00 Cycling: Tour of Britain 9.00 Film: National Lampoon's European Vacation (1985) 11.00 Film: The Interpreter (2005) 1.35 Hogan's Heroes 2.00 Cycling 2.50 ITV4 Nightscreen 3.00 Teleshopping

11.00 The Goldbergs 12.00 Made in Chelsea LA 1.00 Melissa & Joev 2.00 Chelsea IA 1.00 Melissa & Joey 2.00 Film: Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel (2009) 3.45 Rude(sh) Tube Shorts 4.00 The Big Bang Theory 8.00 Film: Independence Day (1996) 10.50 Rude Tube 11.55 Bad Rhoots 12.30 The Big Bang Theory 1.25 Tattoos After Dark 2.25 2 Broke Girá 3.15 Hovy Met Your Mother 4.20 Suburgatory 5.05 Revenge

Film4
11.00 Crooks in Cloisters (1964) 1.00
Marley and Me (2008) 3.15 Honey, I
Shrunk the Kids (1989) 5.00 Leap Yea
(2010) 7.00 The Day the Ends and (2006)
11.10 Seven Psychopaths (2012) 1.20
The Crazies (2010) 3.30 Close



CHOICE



Thomas Turgoose

This Is England '90 (Channel 4. 9nm)

New series. The third drama series following on from Shane Meadows' film, that moves the action forward to 1990. Woody is enjoying life as a stay-athome father, while Lol comes into her own running a school kitchen. Harvey and Gadget spend their days in a drug-fuelled haze, Chrissie gets a girlfriend, Shaun is pining for Smell and a party holds unexpected outcomes for all of them. Andrew Ellis, Andrew Shim, Bethany Herbert, Billy Braithwait, Chanel Cresswell, Danielle Watson and Haris Salihovic

6.00 Breakfast. 7.05 Match of the Day. (R) 8.30 The Andrew Marr Show. 9.30 Athletics: Great North Run. 1.30 BBC News; Weather. 1.45 Bargain Hunt. (R) 2.15 Eat Well for Less? (R) 3.15 The Great British Bake Off. (R) 4.15 Points of View. 4.30 Liteline. 4.40 Songs of Praise. 5.15 Pointless Celebrities. (R)

6.05 BBC News. 6.20 Regional Programme.

- 6.30 Countryfile. John Craven visits Britain's oldest Women's Institute group in Sussex and discovers the influence the organisation has had on rural life over the past 100 years. He also reports on the restoration of the gardens in Arts and Craft property Storden. and Crafts property Standen House. Tom Heap investigates fears over fracking, Adam Henson and Charlotte Smith meet and Charlotte Smith meet contestants for One Man and His Dog, and Matt Baker launches a fundraising event for Children in Need. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.

 Antiques Roadshow. Flona Bruce presents a special compilation of highlights from the series connected to the Queen, including the concernage on the schew streams.
- her appearance on the show at Hillsborough Castle in 2014. 8.30 An Inspector Calls. Adaptation of
- An inspector Cairs. Adaptation of JB Priestley's stage play. In 1912, a detective (David Thewlis) arrives in a town where a young woman has committed suicide. Interrupting a wealthy family in the midst of a lavish party, he in the midst of a lavish party, he unravels the events that led to the woman's death – an investigation with devastating repercussions as secrets are exposed and each member of the family realises they have all unwittingly played a part.

10.00 BBC News

10.20 Regional Programme. 10.20 Regional Programme. 10.30 Match of the Day 2. Mark Chapman reviews the day's Premier League games, which were Sunderland v Tottenham

were Sunderland v Tottenham
Hotspur at the Stadium of Light
and Leicester City v Aston Villa at
the King Power Stadium.

11.35 Film: The Hunted. (2003) A
traumatised special forces soldier
regresses to a feral existence,
killing civilians and forcing his
mentor to track him down. Thriller,
with Tommy Lee Jones.

1.00 Weather for the Week Ahead. 1.05

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 The Instant Gardener. (R) 7.00 The Instant Gardener. (R) 7.45 Countryfile. Instant Gardener. (R) 7.45 Countryfile. (R) 8.45 Cardeners' World. (R) 9.15 The Beechgrove Garden. 9.45 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. 11.15 Great British Menu. (R) 11.45 Great British Menu. (R) 12.15 MOTD2 Extra. 1.00 Flog It! (R) 1.30 Live Golf: Walker Cup.

Athletics: Great North Run
Highlights. Action from the halfmarathon that ran from Newcast upon Tyne to South Shields, as Mo Farah attempted to retain his title in the men's elite race.

- in the men's elite race.

 7.00 World's Busiest Railway 2015.
 Dan Snow, Anita Rani, Robert
 Llewellyn and John Sergeant go
 behind the scenes at Mumbai's
 Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus to
 learn what it takes to run the
- 8.00 Best of Top Gear. Motoring magazine, featuring test drives of the latest models.
- the latest models.

 9.00 Special Forces Ultimate Hell
 Week. The 16 remaining
 contestants are put through a
 gruefling 48 hours of endurance
 tests, overseen by an officer from
 the Philippines' elite special forces.
 Andrew Flintoff presents.
- Andrew Hinton presents.

 10.00 dyssey. Odelle finds herself blackmailed by Colonel Glen, who claims she will be branded a traitor and deserter if she comes forward with her story and evidence. Anna Friel stars. Last in the series.
- tne series.

 10.40 Family Guy. Peter, Quagmire, Joe and Cleveland form a neighborhood detective agency, and are stunned to discover that Chris is a thief.
- Criffs is a timer.

 11.05 Family Guy. Angry baby Stewie goes back in time to break up Peter and Lois so he is never conceived, but is instead reborn into a Downton Abbey-esque British household.
- British nousehold.

 11.25 Family Guy. Lois causes Peter some distress when she tells him about her dinner date with former boyfriend Ross Fishman, his wife Pam, and their son Ben.
- 11.45 Film: The Big Kahuna. (1999) The rising tension gets to three salesmen as they wait at a hotel to make their pitches to an important potential client. Drama, with Kevin Spacey, Danny DeVito and Peter Facinelli.

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1.15 Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R) 2.10 Holby City. (R) 3.10 This Is BBC Two.

6.00 CITV: The Aquabats! Super Show 6.25 Pat & Stan. (R) 6.30 Pat & Stan. (R) 6.40 Dino Dan. (R) 6.55 Dino Dan. 6.25 Pat & Stan. (R) 6.30 Pat & Sum. (R) 6.40 Dino Dan (R) 6.55 Dino Dan. (R) 7.05 Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) 7.10 Sody. (R) 7.25 Super 4. (R) 7.40 Matt Hatter Chronicles. 8.00 Marvel Avengers Assemble 8.30 Fish Hooks. 8.45 Hornful Henry. 9.00 Hornble Science. 9.25 IT V News. 9.30 Marvel Store. 9.25 IT V News. 9.30 Marvel 1.45 Film: Problem Child. (1990) Comedy, starring John Ritter. 1.15 Ipping Point (R) 2.15 The X Factor. (R) 3.30 ITV Changed My Life. (R) 4.30 Midsomer Murders. (R) 6.30 Regional Programme; Weather.

- 6.45 ITV News: Weather
- 6.45 ITV News; Weather.
 7.00 Coronation Street. Jason seeks revenge for Callum's assault, but things don't go to plan when he's discovered hiding out in the drug dealer's flat. Meanwhile, Cathy's nephew Alex gets the wrong idea about her relationship with Roy. Steve is stunned when he overhears Andrea discussing her pregnancy with Michael, and Maria and Steph attempt to damage Luke's Stock car so he can't race.
- can't race.

 8.00 The X Factor. Caroline Flack and Olly Murs host the latest stage of the talent contest. Would-be contestants sing in front of an arena audience of thousands and judging panel Cowell, Cheryl Fernandez-Versini, Nick Grimshaw and Rita Ora, in the hope of winning one of the few coveted places in Boot Camp.

 9.00 The Trials of Jimmy Rose. Drama, starring Ray Winstone as a former
- starring Ray Winstone as a former armed robber trying to get his life back in order and reconnect with his family after 12 years in prison. Last in the series.

10 00 ITV News: Weather

10.15 Film: Casino Royale. (2006)
James Bond pursues an
international criminal responsible
for financing terrorist organisations across the world. Spy thriller, starring Daniel Craig, Eva Green and Mads Mikkelsen.

12.55 Jackpot247. Viewers get the chance to participate in live interactive gaming from the comfort of their sofas with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team. 2.45 Motorsport UK. Highlights from Snetterton. 3.35 British Superbike Championship Highlights. Action from Oulton Park. **4.50** ITV Nightscreen.

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6.20 How I Met Your Mother. (R) 6.45
How I Met Your Mother. (R) 7.10 The
Grid. 7.35 Volkswagen Racing Cup. 8.0
Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.30
Frasier. (R) 9.00 Frasier. (R) 9.30
Sunday Brunch. 12.30 The Big Bang
Theory. (R) 12.55 The Simpsons. (R) 1.25 The Simpsons. (R) 1.35 Flimi: Tast Girls. (2012) Sporting drama, with Lenora Grichlow and Lily James. 3.35
Phil Spencer: Secret Agent. 4.40
Location, Location. (R) 5.40 A
Place in the Sun: Winter Sun.
6.40 Channel 4 News.
7.00
Battle of Britain: The Day the War
Was Won. Dermot O' Leary
presents a documentary
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second World War air battle,
featuring the personal accounts of
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- featuring the personal accounts of fighter pilots, ground crew members and support staff charged with tracking aircraft movements in the RAF's population counter a state of the RAF's population counter a st movements in the RAF's operations centres. Plus, Arthur Williams meets two former servicemen who are training to pilot spitfires at Boultbee Flight Academy, so they can take part in a ceremonial flypast to mark the 75th anniversary of the battle's
- Time Crashers. Tony Robinson challenges the celebrities to work on an 18th-century farm, where the men must prepare the animals for a visit from the landowner while the women work in the dairy
- while the women work in the dairy. This Is England '90. New series. The third drama series following on from Shane Meadows' film. that moves the action forward to 1990. Woody embraces parenthood, while Shaun is pining for Smell.

10.00 The 90s: Ten Years That Changed the World. Kathy Burke narrates this look back at the 1990s revolution in British music, fashion, film, sport, art and media as told by the people who made it happen. (R)

11.30 Film: The Place Beyond the Pines. (2012) A former motorcycle stunt rider turns to motorcycle stunt rider turns to crime to support his family, leading to a conflict with a troubled, ambitious cop. Crime drama, starring Ryan Gosling.

1.55 Celebrity Come Dine with Me. (R)

4.05 You Deserve This House. (R) 5.00 Location, Location, Location, Costion, Location Wither (R)

How I Met Your Mother. (R)

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CHANNEL 5

Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) 6.20 Angelina Ballerina. (R) 6.30 Pija Ahoy! (R) 6.45 Milishakel Show Songs. (R) 6.50 Tickety Toc. (R) 7.00 Chloe's Closet. (R) 7.10 Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) 7.20 Make Way for Noddy. (R) 7.30 Milishakel Monkey. (R) 7.35 Paw Patrol. (R) 7.50 Little Princess. (R) 8.00 Wanda and the Allein. (R) 8.15 Zack and Quack. (R) 8.25 Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) 8.40 Javy Jamm. (R) 9.00 LazyTown. (R) 9.25 Dora and Friends. (R) 1.30 Footbal League Tonight. (R) 12.00 Friends. (R) 1.30 Friends. (R) 3.10 Friends. (R) 1.30 Friends. (R) 3.00 Friends. (R) 3.50 Friends. (R) 4.50 Friend

Friends, (R) 5.00 Film: Zookeeper.
(2011) Comedy, starring Kevin James.
7.00 Cricket on 5. England v Australia.
Action from the fifth and final
match of the one-day series, which
took place at Old Trafford. The
sides last met here in this format
in 2013, when the Aussies won by
88 runs with the help of a century
by capital Michael Clarke and
three wickets from Clint McKay.
Presented by Mark Nicholas, who
commentates alongside Michael
Vaughan, Geoffrey Boycott and
Simon Hughes.
8.00 Police Interceptors Unleashed
with Vinnie Jones. The
interceptors are forced to intervene
when a pair of thugs cause trouble
on a high street. P.C Dan
Briggenshaw pursues a shopplifter
fleeing on a scooter, but ends up
facing a life-threatening
predicament thanks to a teenager's
dangerous driving. Last in the
series (9) driving. Last in the

dangerous driving. Last in the series. (R) 8.55 5 News Weekend.

8.35 News weekend.
9.00 Celebrity Big Brother. A chance to catch up with the latest events inside the house as the celebrities cope with living under constant surveillance, with all the arguments and alliances, as well as the revelations in the diary room.

revelations in the diary room.

10.00 Most Shocking Reality TV
Moments. A celebration of
the nation's long-running love
affair with reality TV, revealing the
50 most memorable moments
from some of the best-loved
shows including TOWIE and Big
Brother. (R)

12.55 SuperCasino. 3.10 Beware: Britain
Running Riot. (R) 4.09 House Doctor.
(R) 4.25 Make It Big. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three
7.00 Don't Tell the Bride 9.00 Film: Never
Back Down (2008) 10.45 Russell
Howard's Good News 11.45 Family Guy
12.30 American Dad! 12.55 Family Guy
1.15 Fried 1.45 Top Coppers 2.15
Russell Howard's Good News 2.45 Don't
Tell the Bride 3.45 Sunny D 4.00 Close
BBC Four

BBC Four
7,00 Darcey's Ballerina Heroines 8.00
The King Who Inwented Ballet Louis XIV
and the Noble Art of Dance 9.40 Planet
Earth 10.00 The Sky at Night 10.30 The
Horizon Guide to Space Shuttles 11.30
Space Shuttle: The Final Mission 12.30 A
Very British Map: The Orfanace Survey
Story 1.30 Len Goodman's Dance Band
Days 2.30 Darcey's Ballerina Heroines
3.30 Clare

ITV2

1.30 You've Been Framed! Kids Special
2.35 Film: Sweet November (2001) 4.55
The X Factor 6.10 The Kira Factor 7.10
Film: Bean (1997) 9.00 The Xtra Factor
10.00 Film: Burlesque (2010) 12.25 Viral
Tap 1.10 Reality Bites 1.45 Totally
Bonkers Guinness World Records 2.10
The Hot Desk Nick Jonas 2.20
Teleshopping 5.50 ITV2 Nightscreen
ITV3

ITV3

11.40 Agatha Christie's Marple 3.50
Film: The Great St Trinian's Train
Robbery (1966) 5.45 Wyciffe 7.00
Agatha Christie's Marple 9.00 It'll Be
Alright on the Night 10.00 Birds of a
Feather 10.30 City Lights 11.30 Film:
The Color Purple (1985) 2.25 Wyciffe
3.15 ITV3 Nightscreen 3.40 Emmerdale

17V4
12. 55 Cycling 1.55 Cycling: Tour of Britain 3.00 Cycling: Tour of Britain 3.00 Cycling: Tour of Britain 1.00 Cycling: Tour of Britain 1.00 Cycling: Tour of Britain 1.00 Cycling: Tour of Britain 9.00 Chris Froome: How The Tour Was Won 10.00 Cycling 1.00 Cycling: Tour of Britain 9.00 Chris Froome: How The Tour Was Won 10.00 Cycling 11.00 Film: Quadrophenia (1979) 1.25 Hogan's Heroes 1.50 Cycling 2.40 TUX Nightscreen 3.00 Teleshopping

12.30 Couples Come Dine with Me 2.35 Bad(ish) Robots 3.00 Rude(ish) Tube 3.35 The Big Bang Theory 5.30 Film: Edward Scissorhands (1990) 7.35 The Big Bang Theory 5.30 Film: Fedward Scissorhands (1990) 7.35 The Big Bang Theory 10.00 Gogglebox 12.05 Young, Free & Single 1.15 How! Met Your Mother 2.10 Rules of Engagement 2.55 2 Broke Girls 3.20 Hollyoaks

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1.00 The Hunt for Red October (1990) 3.40 Iron Man (2008) 6.10 The Core (2003) 9.00 The Host (2013) 11.25 Tyrannosaur (2011)

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FILM CHOICES

MONDAY

Profile for Murder, Channel 5, 3.15pm

A criminal profiler retires to live in California with her family and move on from the horrific crime that ended her career. Her idyllic life is shattered when she discovers the serial killer responsible has escaped from prison and is intent on terrorising her. Thriller, starring Nicki Aycox and Steve Bacic. (2013)

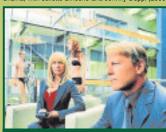
Taken Back: Finding Haley, Channel 5, 3.15pm

A woman whose daughter goes missing spends years obsessing over finding her. She meets a girl who she becomes convinced is her child, and tries to prove that her parents are in fact kidnappers. Thriller, starring Moira Kelly and Amanda Tapping, (2012)

WEDNESDAY

Chocolat, Channel 4, 2am

A woman and her daughter move to a sleepy French village in 1959 and brazenly open a chocolate shop directly opposite the Catholic parish church during her confections soon raise spirits in the community Drama, with Juliette Binoche and Johnny Depp. (2000)



rogates, Friday, BBC1, 11.35pm

Lethal Obsession, Channel 5, 3.20pm A woman with a troubled marriage attends a family

funeral, and is reunited with her dangerously overprotective brother. He initially seems to have moved on from his past obsessive behaviour, but when people around her start disappearing, she realises he is killing anyone he disapproves of – and her husband may be next. Thriller, starring Kellie Martin and Adam MacDonald. (2007)

Surrogates, BBC1, 11.35pm
In the future, all human activity is performed by robot duplicates mentally controlled by their owners, who live lives of complete isolation. As a mysterious kille begins murdering both humans and their doubles, an FBI agent ventures into the real world for the first time in years to catch the criminal. Sci-fi thriller, starring Bruce Willis and Radha Mitchell. (2009)

Daniel plays a very different kind of game

f anyone knows what it's like to be part of a cultural phenomenon, it's Daniel Radcliffe.

The actor was just 11 when he landed the role of Harry Potter in the block-busting film adaptations of JK Rowling's hugely successful novels.

It must have been a lot of pressure over the course of eight films, tans got the chance to watch Radcliffe grow up on screen – but luckily, he seems to have largely avoided most of the pitfalls that have come with being a child star.

He's put his continuing success (he's gone on to win rave reviews for his stage work in Equus and The Cripple of Inishmaan, and appeared in films as diverse as The Woman in Black, Kill Your Darlings and Horns) down to his offbeat taste in scripts. taste in scripts.

He told The Guardian: "I think I've got good taste, but it's slightly left of centre. I'm not interested in making films I've seen before.

"There's nothing more exciting to me when I read a script than originality. That's all it's governed by; there's no

However, his experiences may just help him in the new one-off drama, The Gamechangers, which focuses on a very different sort of entertainment phenomenon.

entertainment pnenomenon.

The film explores the story of the computer game Grand Theft Auto, which the BBC has described as arguably the greatest British coding success since the days of Bletchley Park.

If you're not a gamer, that may initially sound like a somewhat outlandish claim, but the numbers do speak for themselves.

The most recent iteration, GTA:V, released in October 2013, earned \$1billion in just three days, making it the fastest-selling entertainment product in history.

The Gamechangers shows how this success story began with a group of British gaming geniuses who had known each other since their schooldays

With creative mastermind Sam Hauser (Radcliffe) at the heart of it all.

where you can steal cars and gun down rival gangsters and cops alike, proves irresistible to players, it also attracts a lot of controversy.

The more successful the game becomes, the more critics it picks up, with parents, politicians and moral campaigners all worried about the values they claim GTA is encouraging and the effect it may have on children.

And at the vanguard of the crusade is lawyer Jack Thompson (Twister's Bill Paxton), who is determined to stop the game's rise.

the games rise.

The Gamechangers has already generated some controversy of its own – the firm Rockstar Games filed a suit against the BBC to 'ensure that our trademarks are not misused in the BBC's pursuit of an unofficial depiction of purported events related to Rockstar Games.

But it remains to be seen if the drama will change any viewers' minds about the nature of the games and their effects on the people who play



Daniel Radcliffe stars in The Gamechangers, Tuesday, BBC2, 9pm

BEST OF THE REST

Monday All Change at Longleat BBC1, 9pm

New series. Behind-the-scenes look at the Wiltshire stately home as its flamboyant owner, the Marguess of Bath, prepares to retire and hand over control to his son Ceawlin and his wife Emma, but the change isn't going smoothly. Ceawlin has upset his father. and the pair are no longer on speaking terms, and there is further unrest in the estate's village when the rents are increased. Meanwhile, Emma is settling into life as Lady Weymouth.

6 Degrees of Separation BBC2, 10pm

Not content with giving our brains a Monday night work out with the double bill of University Challenge and Only Connect, BBC Two is now bringing us a new panel show so mentally stimulating, it threatens to make QI look like Celebrity Juice. Hosted by Professor Brian Cox, with the help of Mock the Week regular Hugh Dennis and Ben Miller, who abandoned a PhD in physics for a career in comedy, it sees scientists competing to find the connections between six unlikely objects. In the first episode the experts try to work out what links an analogue record player to Galileo, a dung beetle whipped cream, and the inner Earth.

TUESDAY Battle of Britain: Return of the Spitfires Channel 4, 8pm

Britain, Second World War aircraft from across the UK, America and Europe will be descending on Boultbee Flight Academy for an historic flypast over the south of England, Fortunately, for anyone unable to see this historic event, Channel 4 is bringing us the highlights, presented by Spitfire enthusiast Dermot O'Leary – and featuring a special guest appearance from Prince Harry.

WEDNESDAY The Sound of ITV: The Nation's **Favourite Theme Tunes**

Victoria Wood narrates a countdown of the top 20 theme tunes from throughout ITV's history, as the channel marks its 60th anniversary this year. The list of tracks was compiled via an opinion poll, which gave viewers a chance to vote for their favourite themes from the six-decade catalogue of ITV's most popular shows Includes interviews with Who Wants to Be a Millionaire host Chris Tarrant, Coronation Street

veteran William Roache and Dennis Waterman, formerly the star of Minder and The Sweeney, as well as contributions by the composers responsible for creating these distinctive themes, such as Christopher Gunning (Poirot), Simon Park (Van Der Valk) and Tony Hatch (Emmerdale).

THURSDAY George Clarke's Amazing Spaces Channel 4, 8pm New series. The architect

extraordinaire is back for another tour of offbeat small builds, from space-saving retreats to reconditioned vehicles, at home and abroad. He

> and son building an ambitious clifftop retreat and a young architect embarking on his first commission - a garder navilion for his gran Master craftsman Will Hardie sets out to transform the humble beach hut into the most unlikely of holiday

begins by meeting a father

The Sound of ITV: The Nation's Favourite Theme Tunes, Wednesday, ITV, 8pm

FRIDAY Rugby World Cup: Opening Ceremony ITV. 6.45pm John Inverdale introduces live coverage of the

traditional curtain-raiser ahead of the eighth staging of the Rugby World Cup, which takes place at Twickenham. A performance with the theme of 'Breaking New Ground' retells the history of the sport from the very beginning, including the fateful moment at Rugby School in 1823 when William Webb Ellis quite literally picked up the ball and ran with it. Jonny Wilkinson, Lawrence Dallaglio and Clive Woodward provide studio analysis, while commentary comes from Nick Mullins.

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Sarah Millican Hijacks Deal or No Deal Channel 4, 8pm Cast your minds back to autumn 2005, when

Channel 4 unveiled its latest gameshow, and revealed that it involved a member of the public opening boxes at random, while host Noel Edmonds occasionally halted the proceedings to have a one-sided phone conversation. Be honest, it didn't exactly sound like a formula for ratings gold, did it? Now, to celebrate the show's anniversary, comedienne Sarah Millican takes on the presenting duties, as Noel finally gets a chance to play the game himself. Last in the series.

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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

Cryptic Clues:

- 4. Chiropodist in service? (7)
- 8. Plea to reunite forces - or how it's delivered? (6)
- 9. Shocking rattles cause alarm (7)
- 10. Its use could be for 11. Be a tell-tale in
- class (6) 12. Generous applause for what the fortunate card-
- player gets (4,4) needed for lively
- 20. See 19 Down
- 21. Seizes right in the pants! (6) 22. More than one
- political set that is in fragments! (7) 23. See 17 Down
- 24. It's not altruistic to market sea-food, we hear (7)

- 1. The cost of communicating with the Gestapo, maybe
- the Gestapo, maybe
 (7)
 2. Deep feeling when
 one comes in to die
 (7)
 3. Marshy ground
 becomes southern
 lake (6)
 5. He's not admitted
 our diet's been
 ruined (8)
 6. This gives the
- 6. This gives the rates for endless assortment of traffic
- (6)
 7. Inveigle a learner with broken rule (6)
 13. Has reset different arboreal features (3-5)
 14. Fail to contact one
- 15. You'll find me
- getting a certain size (7) 16. Distort the appearance o
- appearance of French dial (6)

 17 & 23Ac. Just the place for the judge's sitting? (4,2,6)

 19 & 20Ac. Inflicted by a team with little to
- spare (6,6)

Quick Clues

Across 4. Exonerate (7)

- 8 Intellect (6)
- 9. Florid (7)
- 10. Elbow (6) 11. Objective (6)
- 12. Steady (8)
- 18. Keep (8)
- 20. End (6)
- 21. Cold (6)
- 23. Big gun (6)

22. Excuse (7)

24. Widespread (7)

Sudoku

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Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 all the digits

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Dying breath; 9 Ham; 10 Signature: 11 Rode; 13 Another; 14 Strata; 16 Arata; 18 Prairie; 19 Sugar, 20 Long after; 21 Rye; 22 Appointment. Down: 2 Yam; 3 Nests; 4 Beggar, 5 Enamour, 6 Truth drug; 7 Short supply; 8 Secretaries; 12 Curtain up; 15 Tornado; 17 Beaten; 19 Strum; 21 Ran. OUICK - Across: 11 Indifferent; 9 Out; 10 Simpleton; 11 Knave; 13 Skittle; 14 Enrage; 16 Escort; 18 Pygmies; 19 Fleck; 20 Nonentity; 21 Inn; 22 Leading role. Down: 2 Not; 3 Issue; 4 Famish; 5 Rallies; 6 Not at home; 7 Bookkeeping; 8 Undertaking; 12 Ar-rogance; 15 Grinned; 17 Assign; 19 Foyer; 21 III.

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What type of animal is an orange-tip? With what country would you associate Blue Mountain coffee?

- In which English county is Greenham Common?
- What is the German name for the Black
- Which Chinese river is also known as the Hwang He?
- 6. Which international organization was promoted by Jean Henri Dunant?
- In what year was the battle of Magenta?
- 8. Who wrote the song White Christmas?
- 9. Who created the character Violet
- 10. What award is given for a wound incurred in action in the US Forces?

Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 Barabbas: 2 Pickwick Papers:

3 1957; 4 New Zealand; 5 1658; 6 Czech;

7 Fear of women: 8 Jensen: 9 Northern line:

Niner: DEFRAYING

19. Vein (6) Niner

1. Stick out (7)

2 Transient (7)

3. Drinking-cup (6)

5. Disparage (8)

7. Whirlpool (6)

13. Suffocation (8)

14. Offspring (7)

15. Marriage (7)

16. Savage (6)

17. Small (6)

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- Corville Road

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Sizzler on road and track

By Matt Joy

There's always room for improvement, even in the world of supercars. McLaren goes hunting with its lighter, faster and more powerful 675 LT.

Creating an even faster, track-ready version of an existing supercar could be achieved very quickly – and cyni-cally; an engine tweak here, a bigger wing there.

But that's not how McLaren has gone about creating the limited run 675 LT. The Long Tail name references the F1 Long Tails created for further dominance in motorsport, and this road car is designed to work on the track too.

There's more power, but from an engine that is 50 per cent new. It's 100kg lighter, thanks to extreme measures like a slimmeddown wiring loom, improved aerodynamics also give the 675 a distinct look compared to its 650S sibling, and some clever features like the track telemetry app so you can play at being an F1 driver.

McLaren's first road car of recent times was pretty and functional, but during the intervening years, the style and impact of each model has consistently improved. The 675 LT is both dramatic and attractive, with the aero package adding to the race car look. It gives the bigger (and much more expensive) P1 a run for its money in terms of looks.

On the image front there's very little to touch the 675 LT. Not only does it benefit from being limited to just 500 examples, the racing pedigree can't be bought.

You'll want to leave the shopping at home, although if you're a bit of a show-off you can head for the local supermarket and return with 144 litres of goodies. More importantly the cabin space is good; the dihedral doors open up and away, and although the bucket seats are slim and require a little care, once you're in, the driving position is excellent and the view out is good.

There are also a few areas to store odds

and ends, even cup holders, but you won't want to use those if you're exploiting the per-

The 3.8-litre twin-turbocharged V8 delivers 666bhp (675PS in metric, hence the name) and 516lb/ft of torque, and with a kerb weight of just 1,230kg the performance is utterly spectacular. A sub-three-second to 62mph is a given, but the 0-124mph time of 7.9 seconds is borderline ludicrous. It might turbocharged but the engine is huge ly flexible and responsive, and in the right engine mode the quick-snap gear changes are accompanied by glorious pops from the exhaust.

The way the 675 LT behaves on road and track is equally stunning. With the scant restrictions of the track to worry about, you can revel in the grip, the balance and the delicacy of its behaviour, even at high speeds and with big g-forces.

As well as the aero changes, the 675 has veaked ESP settings that are separate from the Handling mode, so you can have softe suspension on the road, but still with a loose safety net or the complete opposite on the

It's surprisingly friendly yet enormously in-

volving, and of course, huge fun.

There is a substantial premium for the 675 LT over the 650S, but it's worth remember



'Any lucky so-and-so in the fortunate position to buy one should be queuing up for a 675 LT.

ing how much of the car is different. The unique exterior, revised suspension, lightweight parts and extra performance give a notably different feel from its sister car. Even the telemetry system, which gives you the kind of data level that Mr Button and Mr Alonso get to play with at weekends adds to the experience. And say it quietly, but a car like this limited to just 500 worldwide won't lose too much money in a hurry.

Any lucky so-and-so in the fortunate

position to buy one should be queuing up

for a 675 LT. There's always a market for 'everyday' supercars, but over and above that the track-focused versions are seemingly more in demand; the idea being you can drive your steed to the track, enjoy some hot laps and drive it home again, all without having to do anything other than fill it with fuel. You'll need to be on good terms with your McLaren dealer though; apparently all 500 are spoken for.

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After 36 months and 30,000 miles, the Tucson 1.7 SE Nav CRDi – the predicted UK best-seller – is set to retain 50 per cent of its original value, helping to make it the most affordable vehicle in its class.

Compared to its predecessor, ix35, Tucson buyers benefit from an 11 per cent increase in residual value – the outgoing ix35 SE Nav 1.7 CRDi held 39 per cent of its original cost.

After 36 months and 60,000 miles,

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In addition to strong residual values, PCP customers will only pay £16 per month to cover the cost of Service, Maintenance and Repairs (SMR) – resulting in the lowest Whole Life Cost in

the C-SUV segment.
Tony Whitehorn, President and CEO,
Hyundai Motor UK, commented: "All-New Tucson was always destined to be a game-changer in the UK, and this is immediately clear in the significant step up from the outgoing model. Tucson offers both private and fleet buvers low running costs, stylish looks, and

Year-to-date ix35 is our second

fident that Tucson will continue to increase Hyundai's presence in the C-SUV segment.'

Martin Wilson, fleet director, Hyundai Motor UK, added: "ix35 was hugely popular among our fleet customers, and now Tucson is set to present them with an even more attractive package.
"The 1.7 CRDi offers low running

costs combined with a very low Whole Life Cost - making it an easy decision for fleet buyers."

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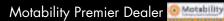


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of good'.
The 26-year-old scored the

The 26-year-old scored the winner in the Baggies' last game against Stoke and Brown, the club's all-time record goalscorer, reckons the Venezuela international should now be brimming with confidence when Albion take on Southampton this Saturday.

Brown believes Albion should

Brown believes Albion should be satisfied with a start to the season which has seen them take four points from the opening four games, despite defeats to Manchester City and Chelsea. Meanwhile, Albion's director of football administration has de-

of football administration has defended Albion's lack of deadline day activity.

Richard Garlick hit back at criticism of the club's failure to further add to the squad. "The club has spent £36million and we spend what we earn," he said. "Our wages to income ratio is the highest in the Premier League so the idea we have kept something in the cupboard is absolute nonsense. "This is the most we have ever

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spent in a transfer window

Stour earn a

lifeline in bid

to beat drop

Stourbridge 1st XI 104-3 beat Wombourne 100 a/o by 7 wickets STOURBRIDGE'S battle to avoid

the drop to Birmingham League Division Three was given a big boost, collecting 20 points in the process.

After defeat to bottom side Eastnor the previous week, victory offers

a lifeline as Stour move away from

a lifeline as Stour move away from the danger zone with a match to go, at Brewood.

Skipper Matt Bradley chose to bowl after winning the toss. Wombourne were at one point 60-6 with half the overs gone. Spinners Junad Afzal took three wickets apiece.

James Winders batted for an hour and 13 minutes for 17 off 86 balls. Richard Bradley (32no) Audy Alexander (5 no) finished the job.

After scoring 292-6, Halesowen bowled out Coventry & NW for 284 to win by eight runs.

Duncan Tomkins' accurate goal kicking ensured the scoreboard kept ticking over, beginning with a second minute penalty. On 15 minutes a Nic Adams try extended the lead.

On 18 minutes DK's hooker Luke Greenwood

received a vellow card, at a ruck, from the ensuing

penalty Stoke opened their scoring. The 14 DK men continued to press and were awarded another penalty and Tomkins added the points. The 14 then increased the lead as scrum half Kieran Pinches went over under the posts, Tomkins did the honours.

DK were back to 15 for a short time, only to lose Kieran Pinches to the bin. Time was running out in the half and DK were back to 15 when Stoke were penalised for holding on to the ball in a ruck.

A yellow card and a long range penalty with time up, Tomkins went for goal but missed.

The lead was increased in the second half by two Tomkins penalties. Stoke had made some changes in their backs and managed to unbalance the DK

took back control going into the final phase. Stef Shillingford added a try, converted by Tomkins, but as DK pressed for a bonus try, Stoke broke clear to score a try, converted.

Stourbridge 22 Macclesfield 5 STOUR opened their National 2 North campaign with victory over a fancied Macclesfield outfit, putting in a very polished for a team featuring no fewer than 10 league debutants in the starting line-up.

There were tries for Nigel Mukarati, Joe Heatley and replacement Robbie Hurrell, victory secured with a second half shutout of a Macclesfield attack that managed just a single try.

Speedway rivals do with confidence when Albion take on Southampton this Saturday. "The one plus at Stoke was Rondon has got his first goal for the club – it was good for him," said Brown, who scored 218 times in two decades with the club. "I thought it was good movement for the goal. He pulled off his marker, his shoulder and got in a good header. I think it will do him the world of good." Rondon is away on international duty and missed a penalty for his country in a 3-0 defeat to Honduras. battle for Gold Cup

CRADLEY Director Nigel Pearson has sung the praises of boss Will Pottinger after seeing the club hand over the National League title to Birmingham.

Pottinger was feeling low after the weekend defeat at Buxton and came under fire

from some supporters on social media.

But Pearson says Pottinger's work often goes unnoticed and much of the club's success in the

But Pearson says Pottinger's work often goes unnoticed and much of the club's success in the last six years is down to him.

"In six seasons we've finished top of the league four times and won the title twice.Will's work is excellent."

Cradley will face Birmingham in the Gold Cup Semi-Finals after Brummies boss Graham Drury picked them. After finishing top of the National League, the Surestop Brummies had the luxury of being able to choose their end-of-season competition opponents.

The Heathens will race the away leg at Perry Barr on September 16 with the return – also at Perry Barr – on September 23.

Pearson said: "As a club, everyone at the Heathens would like to congratulate Birmingham on their league championship success. It's a magnificent achievement, but we are determined to beat the champions in the Gold Cup."

Buxton 51 Cradley Heathens 39

CRADLEY endured an afternoon to forget, slipping to their third defeat in four outings as they went down 51-39 against Buxton at the Hi-Edge Raceway.

A fine performance from No.1 Max Clegg was not enough to prevent Will Pottinger's side from coming off second best and missing out on a consolation point against the Hitmen.

BUXTON 51: Lum Carr 11, Tony Akkin 11, Ryan Blacklock 9+1,

comming oil second best and missing out on a consolation point against the Hitmen.
BUXTON 51: Liam Garr 11, Tony Atkin 11, Ryan Blacklock 9-1, Steve Jones 4:2, Tom Woolley 6+1, Jack Parkinson-Blackburn 5+1, David Speight 3+2.
GRADLEY 39: Max Clegg 14, Darryl Ritchings 10+1, Ellis Perks 6-1, Matt Williamson 6, Arron Mogridge 3, Luke Harris 0, Michael Neale R/R.

Meanwhile, the Heathens Speedway Supporters Trust 'Heathens Fest' takes place on Saturday, September 19, from 10am to 4pm at Spring Meadow Social Club, Old Hill. The evening party gets under way from 7.30pm, featuring up-and-coming band Scarbelly and singer/song-writer Johnny Cole. Tickets are £5. Email heathenstrust@gmail.com or contact the Heathens Speedway Supporters Trust on Facebook.

Glover down and out in title shot



Tipton Slasher Glover takes a right from Andy Townend at the First Direct Arena, Leeds

TIPTON'S Lee Glover was counted out of his shot at the English super featherweight title after

a peach of a punch on Saturday night, writes Craig Birch. Glover challenged powerful champion Andy Townend at the First Direct Arena in Leeds under the Matchroom Boxing banner, live on Sky Sports. 'The Tipton Slasher' battled on

after already being put down from

a right hand on the turn that put him on his knees in the fourth.

But there was no escape from a sweet but evil left hook from a switch-hitting Townend come the seventh, a blow to the solar plexus he didn't see coming.

Glover gasped for breath as referee Victor Loughlin started his count and couldn't get back on his feet before 10, having already blown out his gumshield. There

were 69 seconds of the round left. Glover has indicated he will drop back down to featherweight.

Elsewhere, Cradley Heath's Manny Zaber gained a shut-out points win over wily veteran Matt Seawright – in his 130th paid bout - in a light welterweight contest at Walsall FC's Banks's Stadium. At the final bell, referee Terry O'Connor went with Zaber by 60-

£9m Villa midfielder Gana hit by injury scare

VILLA midfielder Idrissa Gana is set to have a scan to reveal the extent of damage after picking up a hamstring injury while on international duty with Senegal.

The 25-year-old was in action for Senegal in their 30 African Cur of Senegal in their 30 African Cur of

tional duty with Senegal.

The 25-year-old was in action for Senegal in their 2-0 African Cup of Nations victory over Namibia but missed the following match against South Africa.

The all-action midfielder has been a key figure for Tim Sherwood since his summer move from Ligue 1 side Lille.

Gana has won plaudits for his tough-tackling approach but also ability on the ball. He has appeared in all four of Villa's Premier League clashes so far and Sherwood will be hopeful that the scan reveals minimal damage.

Should the midfielder, who has 24 caps for his country, have any significant damage to his hamstring he will likely miss Sunday's trip to high-flying Leicester City. Sherwood would then look to other midfield options Ashley Westwood, Carlos Sanchez and Jordan Veretout to fill the void left by Gana.

Meanwhile, Villa will hand Second City rivals Blues 2,800 tickets for their crunch Capital One Cup game later this month.

The claret and blues said the al-

game later this month.

The claret and blues said the allocation had been made after discussions with their counterparts at St Andrew's and officials at the Football League.

Football League.

The game will take place at 7.45pm on Tuesday, September 22 and there were fears that hosting the derby on an evening could be a recipe for trouble. Villa's home block R1 in the North Stand lower event to the proprocestion, will be - next to the away section - will be closed for the tie.

Dell prove too strong for George

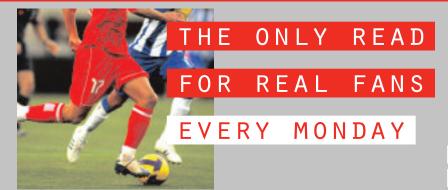
The George 199 The Dell 226
THE George were beaten by a
strong Dell side that are looking to
secure the division one title.
An even first four saw each side
have two winners. Dave Hoffman
& Darren Wood both won 21-16
for The George but The Dell held a

& Darren Wood both won 21-16
for The George but The Dell held a
nine-shot advantage.

The middle four saw The Dell
increase their lead to 33 shots with
only Marc Wilson winning for The
George. In the back four wins by
Peter Hayne (21-13) & Luke Fagan
(21-20) helped reduce the deficit but
The Dell held on for a well deserved
27 shot victory.

Warwick & Worc Premier 1:
KGV 238 The George 180 (Mick
McGuinness 21-12)
Warwick & Worc Alliance 1: The
George 206 KGV 220 (Jim Anderson 21-3)

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Jordanne in defence of US Open title

HALESOWEN'S Jordanne Whiley com-pleted her preparations for her US Open women's doubles title defence by claim-ing her latest major title with Japan's Yu Kamiji. at the USTA Wheelchair Cham-

Kamiji at the USTA Wheelchair Cham-pionships in St Louis.

Whiley was among four Brits on the Tennis Foundation's Wheelchair Tennis Performance Programme to leave Mis-souri for New York in preparation for the final Grand Slam of the year after she had partnered Kamiji to wrap up their third doubles title at Super Series lovol

their third doubles title at Super Series level.

The 23-year-old British No.1 and world No.1 doubles player and Kamiji justified top seeding in the women's doubles in St Louis as the six-time Grand Slam champions earned two straight sets wins to reach the final and they then fought back from a set down for a 2-6, 6-2, 6-3 win over second seeds Jiske Griffioen and Aniek van Koot, the Dutch duo they've beaten in five of their last six

Grillnoen and Amer van Koot, the Dutch due they've beaten in five of their last six Grand Slam finals. However, British Open champion Whiley's bid for back-to-back Super Se-ries singles titles came to an end in the quarter-finals after the world No.5

quarter-finals after the world No.5 was edged out by German world No.4 Sabine Ellerbrock 6-7, 6-4, 7-5.

The US Open wheelchair tennis Grand Slam begins in New York today (Thursday).

Whiley said: "A doubles title is always good, but I didn't play well, so it wasn't how I wanted it to go. But something good's come out of it and I'm really happy that we can go into our doubles title defence in New York on the back of another big title."

Halesonians have Nuns on the run

Nuneaton 13 Old Hales 26
PREPARATION for the new season in
Midlands League Three had not been
perfect in terms of pre-season games but
Hales were in a quietly confident mood
against a side that beat them twice last

season.

Nuneaton took an early 3-0 lead but
Chris Hooper hit back with a penalty for
Hales before Luke Smith sprinted clear
for a try. When Loz Breese sprinted clear
to touch down it put Hales 13-3 up.
The visitors defended well but lost

The visitors defended well but lost fanker Jordan to a yellow card for collapsing a maul. The hosts capitalised and on 36 minutes scored a well-deserved try, converted.

Hooper converted an early second half penalty, but Nuns responded with one of their own. Then Ben Barkley stormed over for a try and Hooper sprinted clear to touch down and complete the scoring. Hales travel to Syston on Saturday.

Extra man no advantage

Tividale 0 Gresley 2

TIVIDALE failed to make their extra man count in the Evo-Stik First Division South.

Keeper Liam Roberts was sent off for Neeper Liam Roberts was sent on for bringing down Mark Danks, whose pen-alty hit the post after midfielder Jack Langston donned the gloves. Martin Smythe and an Alex Steadman penalty were on target for the visitors.

Johnson continues to make waves



Felicity Johnson - impressive display

HALESOWEN Town got their

first away win of the season with an excellent 3-0 success against Matlock Town.
Yeltz travelled to Derbyshire without any great expectations, having been beaten twice on the

But the win lifted them to third-from-bottom of the Evo-Stik Premier table after seven games. They defended well and broke free when nec-

essary to attack and cause plenty of problems for the Gladiators defence.

Substitute Greg Pearson was instrumental in the first goal just before the break when he set up Kidderminster Harriers loanee Keyon Refell

to slot the ball home.

Matlock were sixth in the table before the start of the game but Halesowen showed no respect for this in the second half, Pearson himself getting the second on 60 minutes.

Aaron Griffiths made it three on 82 minutes to

give Halesowen only their second three-pointer of the season.

Halesowen 0 Darlington 1883 3

Yeltz suffered another disappointing 3-0 defeat gainst in-form Darlington in front of a healthy

The Quakers soon made it the perfect start when Anthony Bell's third minute corner was powered home by Graeme Armstrong's header with Sargeant only able to help the ball into the

net.
The solid, well drilled Darlington outfit doubled their lead after 59 minutes when a header from captain Kevin Burgess looped over Sargeant to nestle into the net from Ian Watson's long free-kick from the left.

Thompson made it a convincing 3-0 in the 76th minute when Cooper lost the ball in midfield and Thompson pushed forward to thump past Sargeant from the edge of the penalty area. Visiting substitute Adam Mitchell's 83rd minute curl

ing free-kick was then turned away by Sargeant and Leon Scott struck the resulting corner just

road already this season.

to slot the ball home

HALESOWEN'S Felicity Johnson has continued to make waves on the professional scene with a top-six finish at the Helsingborg Open in Sweden.

Johnson, aged 28, produced her latest impressive display over four rounds at Vasatorps Golf Club where she finished eight shots off the lead in the Ladies European Tour event, with a four under par total of 288, including rounds of 72, 70, 70 and 76.

She was tied alongside three Swedish players in Maria McBride, Pernilla Lindberg and Camilla Lennarth on the leaderboard and pocketed 6,750 Euros. Nicole Broch Larsen of Denmark won the

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competition with a superb 12-under-par 280. Having missed the cut at the Women's British Open at Turnberry at the start of August, Johnson has been playing on the LPGA tour in North America where she enjoyed a top-50 finish in her last tournament in Alabama, the Yokohama Tyre LPGA Classic.

She was not quite able to match her showing at

EPGA Classic.

She was not quite able to match her showing at last year's Helsingborg Open though in which she finished fifth overall and bagged herself a new car for a hole-in-one on the 17th.

Show more respect plea to Berahino

ALBION striker Saido Berahino begun the long road back to re-integrating into

the long road back to re-integrating into the squad by reporting for training. The 22-year-old took part in a routine session on Monday that was led by boss Tony Pulis. It is understood informal talks be-tween Pulis and the wantaway striker took place but that no meeting was held to discuss the striker's future or any dis-ciplinary action. While pleased to see Berahino start the uneasy journey back into the group,

the uneasy journey back into the group, Pulis feels the striker needs to start

Pulis feels the striker needs to start growing up.

"Every sportsman should be allowed the opportunity to better themselves in life, to be ambitious and not to settle for the comfort zone," said Pulis.

"Saido's problem has been how he he's gone about it, and how he has been manipulated into situations that have put him in sive, he had light.

him in such a bad light.

him in such a bad light.

"Respect has to be earned and Saido has to learn that lesson.

"He has to grow up and wise up to the fact that people at West Brom have supported him right from the beginning of his career."

Pulis said he would try to resolve some issues by having a chat with the striker and his mother over dinner.

Team-mate James Morrison believes Baggies boss Tony Pulis is the ideal man to refocus Berahino's mind following his

Baggies boss Tony Pulis is the ideal man to refocus Berahino's mind following his deadline day meltdown – but claimed the striker should show the club he first joined at the age of 11 more respect.

Midfielder Morrison said: "You can't knock him for wanting to go to Tottenham, but he should respect the club as they've been with him since a young age."

Fangs for support, says keeper



Fans are raising money for Halesowen keeper Daniel Platt to get his front teeth replaced

GENEROUS football fans are hoping to bring a toothy grin back to Halesowen goalkeeper Daniel Platt's face after he had his front teeth

Daniel Platt's face after he had his front teeth knocked out during a game. Platt is facing a £3,000 bill for reconstructive dental work after a sickening clash of heads which forced a pre-season game to be abandoned. Dedicated Yelyz fans have already raised more than £600 as part of the 'Put a Smile on Platty' campaign.

Cash collections have been held during games and an online fundraising account has been set up at www.gofundme.com/putasmileonplatty to help the 23-year-old keeper.

He was involved in a clash of heads while

rushing to make a clearance during a pre-sea-son friendly with Tividale on August 8. He was taken to hospital after losing his teeth, while opposition striker Joel Ayettey was knocked unconscious following the collision. The Professional Footballers' Association (PFA) has agreed to foot half of the £6,000 bill. But sports injury insurance does not cover dental work and the club can't afford to pay the other half

the other half.

Daniel said: "The support has been unbelievable and I can't thank people enough—they have been great. I have been saving money but it is a lot. I wasn't expecting this at all but they have great to help me like this."

Cradley top table after 4-1 victory

CRADLEY Town moved to the top of the West Midlands Premier with a 4-1 win

at Malvern on Tuesday night.

It was their fourth win in succession and gives them a record of five wins and two draws from their opening eight

Tuesday's win came three days after a 2-1 victory over Willenhall, who were made to pay for missed chances.

The Lockmen broke the deadlock on

29 minutes through Mikey Clark.
Clark missed a fine chance from inside
the six-yard box on 47 minutes before
Adam Meacham made them pay.

Ben Billingham scored the winner with four minutes left.

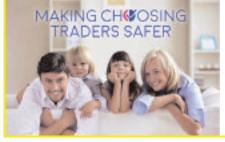
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